

### 5.2.1 Table 1 – Multiplication table limits in the MTC

Multiplication Table	Minimum number of items in each form	Maximum number of items in each form
1	Not applicable	Not applicable
2	0	2
3	1	3
4	1	3
5	1	3
6	2	4
7	2	4
8	2	4
9	2	4
10	0	2
11	1	3
12	2	4

Table 1 shows the upper and lower limits for the number of items from each multiplication table that can be included in each check form.

There is an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 multiplication tables because these have been determined to be the most difficult multiplication tables.

### **17: Strictly Speaking, The Check Should Not Be Used As A Diagnostic Tool**

The STA are clear that the check has not been developed for schools to use a diagnostic tool. However, of course, schools can use the check to help identify KS2 pupils who require additional support.

As it has not been designed as a diagnostic tool, it means that there may be gaps in children's understanding and knowledge of multiplication that is not picked up by the check.

### **18: Results Will Only Be Available At The End Of The 3-Week Window**

You will only access the result for each pupil at the end of the 3-week window. The child (or teacher) will not be shown the total score on screen. This means there will be a bit of a waiting game to find out how your children have done.

### **19: There Is No 'Pass' Rate Or Threshold**

The guidance is clear that there is no expected pass rate or threshold. This means that, unlike the KS1 Phonics Screening check, children will not be expected to re-sit the check if they do not meet a set threshold in this KS2 Times Tables Test.

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### **20: National And Local Authority Results Will Also Be Published**

From 2020, the DfE will report on the performance of pupils in the check nationally and in each local authority. There is no guidance at this point as to what form these reports will take, but we can infer from the test framework that is likely to include the percentage of children who achieve full marks.

Through Analyse School Performance (ASP) schools are also likely to be able to see the percentage of children in their cohort who achieved each score compared to the percentage of children nationally.

The STA state that this national and local authority data will enable schools to benchmark the performance of their pupils, but it will not form a formal pass mark.

### **21: Results Will Not Be Published In Performance Tables**

The document clarified that results of the check will not be published in the publicly accessible school performance tables. We also know from previous information released about the test that there are no current plans to use the

results from the multiplication check in judging if schools meet the 'floor standard'.

BUT...

## **22: Results Will Be Reported And Analysed- Including By Ofsted**

From 2020, school and individual pupil-level reports will be made available to schools- in a similar way to the results from the KS1 Phonics Check are reported. This will mean that schools can target support and intervention where needed.

It is also important to note that the results will also be available to OfSTED and local authorities through ASP (analyse school performance), so it is likely that schools will face questions about the Multiplication check during an OfSTED inspection.