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Dear Parent/Carer,

SNSA - Guidance for Parents/Carers of Pupils in S3

The Scottish Government has introduced the Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA), which are now available to schools and local authorities. Over 10,000 have already been taken. These are being carried out in P1, P4, P7 and S3

The main purpose of the assessments is to provide information for teachers on how well children are doing in literacy and numeracy and to help guide learning and teaching. The assessments are also designed to produce national-level information about children and young people's progress for teachers' use in school and the Scottish Government at national level. National level information covers the whole of Scotland and not individual schools.

The assessments require no preparation from the pupils and will not be used to decide on any future outcomes. There is no pass or fail and pupils can have access to any routine Additional Support Needs when undertaking the assessments.

Aberdeenshire Council has asked that **all S3 pupils** undertake these assessments between now and the end of term. With this in mind, we will run these in school over the coming weeks.

Further information about the Scottish National Standardised Assessments is available on-line and I would direct you, in the first instance to the website:-

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>

If you have any other questions which are not addressed, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Scott Phimister
Depute Rector