

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and looking forward to the approaching Easter break. I am writing to you as we prepare for an important period in the school calendar: the SATs assessments for our Year 6 pupils, which begin shortly after the holiday.

At Elmhurst, we are incredibly proud of the hard work and determination our pupils have already shown. The weeks leading up to SATs, as well as the assessment week itself, form a crucial part of helping children feel confident and fully prepared. Good attendance plays a significant role in this, ensuring pupils have the best possible opportunity to succeed and feel secure in their learning.

As you make plans for the Easter holidays, I ask for your support in helping us maintain strong attendance before and after the break. In particular, I encourage families to be mindful when considering travel abroad. Some destinations currently have travel restrictions, “no-fly” advisories, or the potential for sudden changes that may make returning to the UK difficult. While we fully understand the desire to take a well-earned holiday, we want to avoid situations where children may be unable to return to school in time for their SATs.

We kindly ask that, where possible, you check official travel guidance carefully before booking or undertaking any trips. Ensuring children are present in school during the run-up to SATs—and ready to return promptly after Easter—will make a significant difference to their confidence and readiness for secondary school.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and for everything you do to help your children thrive. Elmhurst is an exceptional school community, and the partnership between families and staff is a huge part of what makes it so special.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school team.

Warmest regards,
Sarah Baber