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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 Children,

I am writing to explain that schools were due to receive the Year 6 SATs results on 7 July 2026. However, these results will now be available on 16 July 2026. As a result, the deadline for schools to apply for reviews of marking or clerical errors will move back to 24 July 2026.

Pearson Education Limited, the contractor responsible for the end-to-end administration of the Key Stage 2 tests, has informed the DFE that additional time is needed to ensure the online results portal is ready for schools to access results. The delay relates to the readiness of the system used to make results available to schools.

Importantly, this delay is not due to any concerns about the quality of the tests or the accuracy of the results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes, and the standards maintenance process, which ensures results remain comparable with previous years, has been completed. The Standards and Testing Agency is confident in the quality and accuracy of the results that schools will receive.

I appreciate that this delay will be frustrating. I am frustrated too. Schools, pupils and parents should be able to rely on results being delivered on time, and it is unacceptable that this standard has not been met. Pearson has rightly taken full responsibility for the delay and apologised to schools and families.

Please be assured that we will send the results home as soon as they are received by the school. Year 6 reports will still be issued on Tuesday as planned, including the class teacher assessment.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Concannon
Headteacher



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