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Dear Parent/Carer

Cognitive ability tests (CATS) – Tuesday 21st September

As you aware the school had to postpone the cognitive ability tests in the summer due to Covid 19. They have now been rescheduled for Tuesday 21st September during registration and periods 1 to 3. Students should return to normal lessons during period 4.

What are CAT tests and why do we do them?

At Rutlish we assess all our students to see what their needs are and how we can help them learn and achieve. As part of this process we administer Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT's) to all students.

CAT's are made up of a series of short tests which assess a student's reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete the tests.

CAT's have many uses and can help your child and his teachers plan appropriately and set targets for different key stages. CAT scores indicate areas of strengths and possible weaknesses in a student's profile. The scores are standardised which means they are measured against a large population group across the age range of the test.

Students will need two pencils, a rubber and a pencil sharpener for the tests.

If your child is absent on the day they will have an opportunity to take the test at a later date.

Once we receive the test results we will share them with you. If you have any queries relating to these tests please contact me at the school.

Mr B Gormally
Deputy Headteacher

