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Dear Year 6 Pupils,

Next week, you will sit your SATs in reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation. We know how hard you have all worked, but there is something very important that each of you must **know**...

The SATs tests do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages fluently or that you love to play the piano, sing, bake and draw. They have not seen your natural talent for gymnastics, ice-hockey, horse-riding, ice-skating, motocross or basketball. They do not know that some of you are superb actors, enjoying all aspects of drama and dance, that you write your own songs and poems, play in a rock band and hope to be on the stage. They do not know that you are superb at drawing, painting and graphic design, as well as 3D printing and gaming. They **don't see you** helping with jobs around our school, wonder about the future, help others by fundraising and often help to look after your brother, sister or relatives. They do not know that you go to scouts where you engage in outdoor adventures to build teamwork and life skills. They do not know that you train and play matches for your football team, go cycling, hiking, running, learn karate or play rugby.

They do not know the knowledge of the world that you have from living in other countries or how you look after your pets so well. They do not know that your friends can always count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten **someone's** day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your best.

The results you will get from these tests will tell you something, but they will certainly not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are so smart! So, while you are preparing and in the midst of it all, remember that we are all very proud of you. There is no way to 'test' all the amazing and wonderful things that make you, YOU.

Good luck!

From Mrs Chadwick and all the staff at Ecclesfield Primary School

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