



# 11 Plus Mock Test Guidance for Parents / Carers

Your child will sit 11 Plus mock tests at three points during the year long course plan. Although not all content will have been covered, these are an opportunity for children to experience sitting a test under exam conditions and will support us to provide you with tailored feedback and create specific goals for the remainder of the course.

To get the most out of this experience, we recommend following the guidance below to create an environment that mirrors the exam day as best it can.

## Preparation

1. Choose a date and time that your child will sit the exam.
2. Choose a quiet location for the exam to be sat. This could be a quiet space at home, a library or a study area.
3. Your child should sit on a chair at a desk or table, with enough space for their papers.
4. Keep your mock morning paper somewhere safe and ideally make sure your child doesn't see the paper before your chosen test time.
5. Familiarise yourself with the test timings and any breaks (if permitted).

## On the day

1. Arrive at your chosen location at least 15 minutes before the test start time (this is good practise for the real exam!)
2. Ensure your child has two sharpened pencils, a rubber and a small bottle of water.
3. No calculators, mobile phones or smart watches should be used.
4. Minimise distractions where possible by turning off devices and ensuring siblings or other family members are occupied elsewhere.
5. Set a timer or use a clock to time the exam accurately, following the timings provided on the paper.
6. Treat this as a real exam. Avoid answering any questions or offering help during the test. Encourage your child to work independently.

## Post Exam

1. Mark the test paper using the answer sheet provided.
2. Review and reflect on the paper with your child – go through their answers together and identify strengths and any areas for improvement.
3. Encourage and motivate – reassure your child that this is a learning experience, not a final score. Praise their efforts and progress!
4. Share your results with your Explore Learning tutor. Submit your scores via the form linked in the 'mock test' email.
5. Book in a progress meeting if you would like to discuss the test in more detail.