

Guidance for 8+ Assessment at Exeter Junior School

English

The English tests will assess the child's skills in all the key aspects of literacy: reading, comprehension, writing, grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting.

The writing test comprises a planning/introductory session with the teacher before writing. The introduction may take the form of verbal, visual or concrete stimulus which is fully discussed with the pupils before they start. A good standard of presentation, punctuation and content of writing, is encouraged rather than the quantity.

Pupils will sit an online English reading test which will comprise a range of age-appropriate English exercises and reading skills. There will also be a short spelling test.

Mathematics

The mathematics takes the form of two papers: a general mathematics paper covering a range of maths topics and a mental maths paper completed to time.

The General Mathematics paper is read aloud by the teacher. Pupils are encouraged to show their working.

There is also a timed mental mathematics paper, assessing accuracy and speed across a variety of mathematical concepts including number work. The questions are read out and repeated by teacher.