Guidance for Parents (FAQs)

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What is the assessment?

The assessment is an online exam, which assesses four subjects:

- **Maths**
- **English**
- **Non-Verbal Reasoning**
- **Verbal Reasoning**

What is covered in the assessment?

The Maths and English sections are based on the **National Curriculum**. They assess pupils' ability to **recall** what they have been taught and **apply** this knowledge to solve problems.

The Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning sections are designed to test pupils' **academic potential**. They assess pupils' ability to solve problems with written or visual information.

Subject	Maths	English	Non-Verbal Reasoning	Verbal Reasoning
What is being assessed?	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning	Reading comprehension Spelling Punctuation Grammar	Spatial reasoning Visual reasoning	Vocabulary Pattern-spotting Logic

What is the format of the assessment?

The majority of questions will be **multiple-choice**, with only a few questions requiring a student to type a single word or number. There is no extended typing exercise required, so typing ability will not impact results.

The assessment is **adaptive:** this means that questions will get harder or easier as the pupil moves through the assessment. This ensures that each question is at the right level of difficulty for each student. Please note, this means that students will not be able to skip or go back to any questions.

How long is the assessment?

The assessment takes a total of 60 minutes. The timings of each subject are:

Maths	20 minutes
Non-Verbal Reasoning	10 minutes
English	20 minutes
Verbal Reasoning	10 minutes

During the assessment, students will see a **timer** on their screen showing them how long they have left for each section. It will be visible but not so large as to distract them from their work.

Pupils eligible for **extra time** will be asked to indicate their entitlement at the point of application. Where extra time is approved for a student, the additional time will be automatically added to the timer visible on their screen for each section of their assessment.

How to prepare for the assessment

We recommend that all students look at the familiarisation materials provided: https://app.questassessments.com/public/taster/felsted-school

The assessment will test the knowledge and skills highlighted in the **National Curriculum**. Students will develop these skills as part of their school education, so they will not need any special tuition or intensive practice.

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What device can be used for the assessment?

The assessment can be taken on many different types of devices, including iPads, PCs, laptops, tablets and Chromebooks.

What can my child use during the assessment?

Students will be permitted blank scrap paper and a pencil/pen in all subjects for any working out. Students may not use any other additional materials during any stage of the assessment, e.g. dictionaries, thesauruses, calculators, rulers, mobile phones, etc.

My child is an overseas applicant. Where will they take the assessment?

Your child is welcome to travel to sit the assessment at our school. If you would prefer your child to sit the assessment overseas, please contact our Admissions team to find out how to proceed. Students who are living overseas may take the assessment under exam conditions at their current school or at a test centre.