



## Doodle Maths – follow up

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who attended the drop in sessions last week. Your questions and feedback were all gratefully received. It is lovely to hear how much the children are enjoying using Doodle Maths at home. I thought I would take this opportunity to share with you all some of the questions asked.

### How should we be using Doodle Maths at home?

Doodle Maths is designed to be used little and often, and not just to complete assignments set by the teacher. Children do not have to log in everyday but they should aim to remain in the 'green' zone as much as possible. They do not need to spend longer than 10 minutes on it at any one time. Little and often is the best approach.

### Should I help my child with their maths?

After completing the baseline assessment, the activities are based at the level of your child and therefore they do not need any help in completing them. It is designed to build the children's confidence in their mathematical ability. Helping your child could result in them being asked more difficult questions which could result in lower confidence levels.

Assignments set by the teacher may be more difficult and may require some input but please do not complete the activity with your child. The results are used by teachers to identify any gaps in learning and plan future teaching and interventions accordingly.

### Can the children access Doodle Times Tables as well?

Yes the children can access the times table app as well. They can switch between the apps in the 'menu'.

### Does my child have to complete assignments in school if they are not completed at home?

Assignments are set by the teacher on a Friday to be completed the following Friday, giving plenty of time to complete an activity which should take no more than 10 minutes. Towards the end of the week children who have not completed the activity are given reminders by the teacher, verbally and in the form of slip/sticker. If we are not made aware of any reason why the assignment has not been completed by the parents or carers then the children will be asked to complete it in school. As we don't want children to miss out on the learning that is being taught in class this may be for a few minutes during playtime.

### Why have I received an email telling me my child's Doodle Maths age which is below their normal age?

Those of you who have linked your email address to your child's account may be receiving emails telling you're their maths age. This is calculated by analysing the questions your child answers correctly over time. If your child only logs in to complete the assignment set by the teacher, and does not remain in the green zone, it does not have much information to assess your child's age on and therefore may be lower than your child's actual age. If your child regularly completes daily questions etc. it is much more likely to be correct. If you would prefer not to receive these emails you can simply unsubscribe at the bottom of the email.

If anyone has any further questions do not hesitate in getting in touch.

Kind regards

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