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Dear Parent,

Glanmire Community College creates a personal profile of students' academic potential, which is then used as a baseline to track and monitor their achievement in school. This profile includes data gathered from your child's primary school "educational passport" and students' results from the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4). The CAT4 is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning.

While many tests focus on a child's attainment in core subjects, such as English and Maths, CAT4 is designed to give us a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

The CAT4 assessment involves completing tasks that require thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and answering some questions by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability). CAT4 is based on years of research and development and is a well-known assessment in schools. Teachers value its ability to provide an understanding of what your child is capable of, rather than defining them by their understanding of a body of knowledge in particular subjects. For further information, please view

<https://www.gi-assessment.ie/products/cognitive-abilities-test-cat4/>

We are scheduling an assessment for your child, which will take place during the weeks of 27 November to 8 December. There is no study or preparation required for this assessment. It is not an evaluative assessment and should not cause any assessment-related anxiety. The data will be used by school personnel to support your child's progress in school. Data may also be used for research purposes, in which case the data will be anonymized. A copy of the Cork ETB Data Protection Policy is available at <https://www.corketb.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/CETB-Data-Protection-Policy-.pdf>

If you require any further information or wish to withdraw consent for your child to participate, please contact me through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Ronan McCarthy (Principal)