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Dear Parent / Carer,

As discussed at our recent parents' evening meeting, we completed Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning tests with our Year 5 pupils earlier this term.

- Verbal reasoning tests assess children's skills in verbal thinking, covering areas such as vocabulary, verbal analogies and logical reasoning
- Non-verbal reasoning tests assess abilities of pupils who think more easily in images than words: it does not involve reading or aural comprehension and concentrates on basic learning processes and reasoning skills rather than reading or mathematical knowledge

These assessments, along with other test data that we collect throughout the year and your child's teacher's knowledge of the child, can provide effective indicators of future academic performance. Like the 11+ test and the Upton and St Anselm's tests, the scores from these assessments are standardised. A standard age score converts a pupil's raw score in the test to a standardised score which takes into account the pupil's age in years and months and gives an indication of how the pupil is performing relative to a national sample of pupils of the same age. The scale descriptors can be seen below:

Below 70	70-84	85-94	95-104	105-114	115-129	Above 129
well below average	below average	low average	average	high average	above average	well above average

Please note that, in the selective testing for Wirral Secondary schools, we would expect pupils to be working within the 'above average' or well 'above average range'.

As you requested, we are sharing your child's VR and NVR test results with you to support you in your decision as to whether to enter your child for the 11+ or other selective school assessments. Please note that this is only a guide and your child's class teacher can share further information with you should you require it. There is also further information about selective testing on our school website: <https://www.brookdaleprimaryschool.co.uk/page/assessment-for-secondary-school/120049>.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher