



10 March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year Group: 9P2 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study ('TIMSS')

I am writing to inform you that your child's class has been selected to participate in the **Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study ('TIMSS')** on Tuesday 14 March 2023. This letter provides you with information about the study and what is involved. I will also forward a letter from Pearson Education containing further information on the data protection arrangements.

What is TIMSS?

TIMSS is an international study that takes place every four years and gathers data from over 60 countries, including England. England is administering the year 9 study in March 2023. TIMSS looks at how well pupils in Years 5 and 9 can apply knowledge and skills in mathematics and science. The results are used by our government and governments around the world to improve their education systems, so it is vitally important that English schools participate. Further information on the study is available at www.pearson.com/uk/web/timss.html.

How many schools in England are participating in TIMSS and what is involved?

Maiden Erlegh Reading is one of 300 schools in England that have been selected to participate and we are delighted to be involved in helping provide a representative picture of achievement in England.

The study involves answering questions on mathematics and science, as well as a short questionnaire. Your child doesn't need to do anything to prepare and nor will it affect your child's results or progress in school.

Please be assured that your child or your child's results will not be identified in any reporting. This is because it is the education system, not your child, that is being reviewed and all data collected will be anonymised.

Your child's participation in this important international study is greatly appreciated and is vital to the success of the study. To thank them for their participation your child will receive a certificate from the Department for Education. If you have any questions about your child's participation or you would not like them to take part, please contact the Pearson TIMSS Support Team by emailing timss2023@pearson.com and meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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