

# 2017 Changes to primary assessment

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# Announcement by Secretary of State for Education

- The SoS reiterated the government's commitment to reforms to the primary curriculum and assessment system
- The reforms are designed to ensure children master the basics in primary school to go on and succeed by getting good GCSEs in secondary school

**“It is important that we now set out a clear path to a settled system where our collective focus can be on achieving strong educational outcomes for all children.”**

**Rt Hon Justine Greening MP**



# Primary assessment

- **We won't be introducing any significant changes to testing or assessment before the 2018 to 2019 academic year**
- **Statutory mathematics and English reading resits for children arriving in Year 7 will not be introduced**
- **Instead, we will focus on the steps needed to ensure a child catches up any lost ground**
- **High quality resit papers will be made available for teachers to use, if they choose to, as part of their ongoing assessments**
- **It is still intended that a mathematics multiplication tables check will be introduced, but not before the 2018 to 2019 academic year, at the earliest**



# Primary assessment consultation

- **Early in 2017 a consultation will be launched**
- **We will consult on primary assessment and the implications for accountability**
- **The consultation will give you the opportunity to have your say**
- **The consultation will cover important issues including:**
  - The best starting point to measure progress
  - The role and operation of teacher assessment



# Early years foundation stage profile

- **Was due to become non-statutory from September 2016**
- **However, while time is taken to consult, the profile will remain in place for the 2016 to 2017 and 2017 to 2018 academic years**
- **The EYFS profile handbook on [GOV.UK/STA](http://GOV.UK/STA) explains how it should be completed**
- **Those involved should have a thorough understanding of the handbook**
- **Schools and early years settings must complete the profile for reception children by Friday 30 June and submit their data to their local authority**



# Key stage 1

- **The interim teacher assessment frameworks and pre-key stage standards introduced in 2016 are to be used again in 2017**
- **Single amendment (published July 2016) makes the guidance for assessing pupils with physical disabilities or sensory impairment clearer**
- **Deadline for submission of teacher assessment judgements to local authorities is 29 June 2017**



# Key stage 1

- **The KS1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) test will remain optional for 2017**
- **Hard copies of the GPS test will not be sent to schools**
- **Materials will only be available as downloads from NCA tools at the beginning of the testing window**
- **Enlarged print versions of KS1 mathematics tests are no longer available**
- **The size and font type of the standard version of the mathematics tests have been designed to be more accessible to pupils with visual impairments**



# Key stage 2

- **The interim teacher assessment frameworks and pre-key stage standards used in 2016 are to be used again in 2017**
- **Single amendment (published July 2016) makes the guidance for assessing pupils with physical disabilities or sensory impairment clearer**
- **Deadline for submission of KS2 teacher assessment judgements 29 June 2017**
- **New attendance register codes – to replace the T code**
  - **U** for a pupil that is working at the standard of the tests but is unable to access them
  - **J** for a pupil that has recently arrived and there hasn't been sufficient time to determine their abilities



# Key stage 2

- **Braille versions of the tests will only be available in Unified English Braille (UEB)**
- **The modified test agency can provide advice about modified tests on 0300 303 3019, or via email at [modifiedtestshelpline@pia.co.uk](mailto:modifiedtestshelpline@pia.co.uk)**



# For more information and resources

Document collections at: [www.GOV.UK/STA](http://www.GOV.UK/STA) contain information on:

- Key stage 1
- Key stage 2
- 2016 tests materials and mark schemes

Sample materials published in 2015 are available in the [practice materials](#) section

Video recordings of the live webinars we broadcast on 15 November can be watched through [STA media and training](#)

**National curriculum assessments helpline: 0300 303 3013**

