



Guidance

# Timeline for independent schools: mandatory

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**NEW**

### **September 2015: staffing**

[Keeping children safe in education](#) is statutory guidance for all schools and colleges. Statutory guidance sets out what schools

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and local authorities must do to comply with the law. You should follow the guidance unless you have a very good reason not to. We updated the guidance to reflect the new 'prevent duty' and mandatory reporting of female genital mutilation in July 2015. We also provided more information on the admission register and children that go missing from education.

We are considering policy changes to the guidance, and, subject to the government's priorities, will run a public consultation that will start in September 2015.

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### **September 2015: curriculum and qualifications**

National curriculum levels will no longer apply to statutory assessment. The Commission on Assessment Without Levels will publish advice and support for schools in developing new approaches to assessment.

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### **September 2015: curriculum and qualifications**

Sixth-form students taking 1-year GCSE English or maths courses in September 2015 must enrol on one of the existing GCSE courses. Those starting 2-year courses in September 2015 or any course in September 2016 must enrol on the new GCSE course. From September 2015, full-time students holding a grade D GCSE in English and/or maths must enrol on GCSE English and/or maths for that student's place to be funded.

The Education Funding Agency (EFA) [published guidance on maths and English conditions of funding post 16](#).

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