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## Summer term 2016

**UPDATED**

### **Summer 2016: key stage 1 and 2 tests**

We will introduce key stage 1 and 2 tests based on the new

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national curriculum.

Key stage 1 tests will cover:

- English reading
- English grammar
- punctuation and spelling
- maths

The key stage 2 tests will cover the subjects listed above and science. [Sample tests](#) are available. These tests are optional for independent schools.

**NEW**

## **Female genital mutilation: new statutory guidance**

We have published [new statutory multi-agency guidance](#) and the [consultation summary responses](#) on female genital mutilation (FGM).

This guidance, which applies to schools as well as other services, came into force on 1 April 2016. Statutory guidance is issued by law; you must follow it unless there's a good reason not to.

## **Autumn term 2016**

**NEW**

## **September 2016 or January 2017: updated safeguarding guidance**

We are updating our '[Keeping children safe in education](#)' guidance to come into force in September 2016. If we do not finalise drafting in time to give schools reasonable notice, it will apply

from January 2017.

We plan to publish the government's response to the [consultation on proposed changes to 'Keeping children safe in education'](#), including revised guidance, shortly.

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