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Information: return of marking reviews


If you applied for a marking review of the 2016 key stage 2 (KS2) tests you can check the outcome in the 'Pupil results' section of [NCA tools](#) .

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Any scripts reviewed in hard copy were returned last week with a letter confirming the review outcome.

If you haven't received your scripts and review outcomes, or you are having difficulty in accessing these on the NCA tools website, contact the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013.

Action: check your school's provisional performance data by Friday 16 September

We sent an assessment update last week about the performance tables data checking exercise. Schools are asked to check their pupil level data and, if necessary, submit any amendment requests via the [checking website](#)  by Friday 16 September.

Please note that pupil results data shown on the checking website is the same as that shared with schools on 5 July, via NCA tools. Any updates which you can now see on NCA tools will be taken into account when the performance tables are published in December.

Provisional key stage 1 to KS2 progress scores will be available on the checking website, along with updated technical guidance explaining the methodology used.

The data currently on the checking website is used for the first RAISEonline release of 2016 data, with any updates and successful amendment requests being taken into account in the later 'validated' data release.

If you have any queries about the checking exercise please contact the DfE helpline at examshelp@rm.com, or by telephone on 08453 077867.

Early years foundation stage

Information: EYFS profile is statutory for the 2016 to 2017 academic year

We sent an [update](#) during the summer break to confirm the position for schools at the start of the new term. In case you missed it, the EYFS profile is statutory for the 2016 to 2017 academic year.

Primary assessment

Publication: 2017 assessment dates - KS1, KS2 and phonics screening check

[Dates](#) for the 2017 national curriculum tests, which schools must keep free for test administration, are available.

Future tests dates, up to 2019, are also available to assist schools with their forward planning.

Information: live webinars, Tuesday 15 November

We will host 2 live, interactive webinars about the 2017 assessment cycle on Tuesday 15 November 2016.

The webinars offer schools, local authorities and academy trusts the opportunity to raise questions about the 2017 tests and assessments to our panel of experts.

We will provide details of the timings and how to register soon.

Information: STA at the Academies Show, Wednesday 23 November

We will be attending the [Academies Show](#) in Birmingham on 23 November, where you can visit our exhibition stand and attend a seminar with speakers from STA's assessment policy, teacher assessment and test administration teams.

The seminar will focus on supporting schools through the 2017 test cycle. Specific areas for discussion will include:

- scaled scores
- reporting
- accountability
- progress measures

Entrance is free of charge and you can [register](#) now for tickets.

Action: update your EduBase details

We send test and assessment materials to the school address recorded in [EduBase](#). Please ensure these details are up-to-date so that we have the correct mailing addresses.

Information: assessment update refresh

This is the new format for our email assessment updates. From next week we will issue them every Tuesday during term time, unless there are announcements which schools need to be aware of that cannot wait until the regular issue day.

Feedback from our stakeholder survey indicated that you wanted information to be more succinct, categorised by key stage, with clearer headings and embedded hyperlinks.

We will publish all assessment updates that are for a general schools audience on GOV.UK and will also make them available on subscription soon.

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