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Primary assessment

Information: orders for modified versions of the tests

Modified versions of the KS1 and KS2 tests will be available to order. They are primarily designed for pupils with significant visual impairments, although they may be suitable for other pupils such as those with dyslexia.

Schools can order modified versions of the tests in the 'Test orders' section of the [NCA tools](#) website from Monday 31 October until Friday 25 November.

Modified large print (MLP) versions have a large font, high contrast diagrams and greater white space around the content. Braille versions of the test, available in Unified English Braille (UEB), are suitable for pupils with extremely limited or no vision. Some of the content of the MLP and braille tests is adapted by Qualified Teachers of the Visually Impaired (QTVIs) to make individual questions more accessible to pupils with significant visual impairment. This may include the removal of some of the visual stimulus, which may be replaced with text if necessary to aid understanding.

Enlarged print versions of KS2 tests are also available. They are produced in a larger format booklet and all text, pictures, and non-scaled diagrams are larger than the standard versions. There are no adaptations to the content of the tests.

Schools can use the 2016 sample tests from the [practice materials](#) collection to help inform decisions about whether modified tests are more suitable for their pupils.

The modified test agency can also provide further advice on 0300 303 3019, or via email at modifiedtestshelpline@pia.co.uk.

Independent schools that choose to participate in the tests must place a test order for all materials on [NCA tools](#) [↗](#) by Friday 25 November.

Information: assessment updates available on subscription

Welcome to those readers receiving this update directly for the first time. Last week we opened optional subscription to our assessment update emails and so far 2,652 new users have signed up.

The mailings are automatically issued weekly to school 'superusers' registered in [NCA tools](#) [↗](#). If other colleagues at your school would like to receive the mailings as well, they can [subscribe](#) [↗](#) now using their Department for Education (DfE) number.

We are trialling issuing updates weekly during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. This means that some updates will be lighter on content than others, depending on where we are in the test cycle. We will give all recipients the opportunity to feedback their comments about the frequency of updates before the end of the autumn term.

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