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Information: Secretary of State's announcement about primary assessment

The Secretary of State made an [announcement](#) on 19 October about primary assessment. The announcement includes plans for a consultation, to be launched early in the new year, on the future of primary assessment and the implications for accountability. This will cover key issues, including the best starting point to measure the progress that children make in primary school, and the role and operation of teacher assessment. The Secretary of State has also confirmed that the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile will remain in place for the 2017 to 2018 academic year.

The Secretary of State set out a number of steps to improve and simplify assessment arrangements. This includes improved guidance for the moderation of teacher assessment, which has been produced working closely with the teaching profession and which will help to ensure a more consistent, reliable approach to the moderation of teacher assessment across the country.

This new guidance will be accompanied by mandatory training for local authority moderators. The training will include planning and self-assessment to better enable moderators to quality assure their processes and make sure they are consistently accurate on each school visit. The training will be free to attend and offered to all local authorities. We will provide more details shortly.

The Secretary of State has also made clear that no decisions on intervention will be made on the basis of 2016 test and assessment data alone. We expect Regional Schools Commissioners and local authorities to

work together with the current leaders of the small minority of primary schools below the floor or coasting to help and support these schools to move forward in a positive direction.

We have also published the [Rochford Review](#) report, which makes recommendations for assessment arrangements of those pupils working below the standard of the national curriculum tests.

Information: assessment update sent to schools

The information sent to primary schools is as follows:

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Publication: 2017 assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA)

Publication: 2017 planners

The information sent to secondary schools is as follows:

Information: no statutory year 7 resits for mathematics and reading

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