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## Key stage 2

### Action: submit applications for early opening by 27 February

You can open test papers, including modified test papers, up to an hour before a test is due to start, without seeking our permission. This flexibility is designed to help schools that need to make small adaptations for their pupils, for example, photocopying test papers onto coloured paper.

If you'll need more than an hour to make adaptations or prepare apparatus, you must submit an application for early opening in the 'Access arrangements' section of [NCA tools](#).

Read the [early opening guidance](#), including eligibility criteria, and watch our [video](#) demonstrating how to apply.

### Action: apply for compensatory marks for spelling by 27 February

Compensatory marks may be awarded to pupils who are unable to take the KS2 Paper 2: spelling due to a profound hearing impairment. This allows pupils to receive an overall test outcome for the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

Read the [compensatory marks guidance](#) before making an application in the 'Access arrangements' section of [NCA tools](#).

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