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Key stage 1

Reminder: delivery of key stage 1 test materials this week

We're delivering key stage 1 (KS1) test materials to schools this week. We are not providing hard copies of the standard version of the KS1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test because it is optional for 2017. Schools opting to administer this test will be able to download it from NCA tools from 2 May.

We are providing hard copies of the modified large print and braille versions of the tests to schools that ordered them.

If your delivery hasn't arrived by Friday 31 March, please contact our distribution helpline on 0800 169 4195. Test materials must not be opened until Tuesday 2 May and must be kept secure until the end of May. Headteachers should read our guidance about checking their delivery and [keeping materials secure](#).

The KS1 test materials, including the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test, will be available to download from the 'Test materials' section of [NCA tools](#) from Tuesday 2 May.

Key stage 2

Publication: monitoring visits guidance

[Monitoring visits guidance](#) for key stage 2 (KS2) tests is now available. This guidance supports local authorities arranging monitoring visits and informs schools about what they can expect if they receive a visit.

Publication: maladministration guidance

We have also updated the guidance about STA's procedures for [investigating allegations of maladministration](#) relating to the phonics screening check, KS1 and KS2 tests or teacher assessment.

Reminder: complete additional time applications by Monday 24 April

Please remember to submit any applications for additional time by the deadline, Monday 24 April. Applications should be made in the 'Access arrangements' section of [NCA tools](#) by a teacher who has a good knowledge of the relevant pupil's needs and abilities.

Please note that only one application should be created, edited or viewed at any one time. Attempting to access multiple applications or pages within the access arrangements section can result in corrupt submissions. Some sections of NCA tools automatically load within a new browser tab. You should close any additional tabs, or browser windows, before beginning an application.

Applications can't be amended or deleted after submission. You should read the [additional time guidance](#), including the questions guide, before starting to make an application. We've also published a [video](#) demonstrating how to apply.

Primary assessment

Information: new resources for parents

We have produced a new leaflet and 2 videos aimed at parents with children in year 2 and year 6.

These provide basic information on the purpose and format of the tests, how parents can best support their child and how the results will be reported.

You may find these resources useful during discussions about the tests with parents of year 2 and year 6 pupils.

Both videos and the leaflet can be accessed [here](#).

Information: STA at the Academies Show, 26 April

Attend our session to hear about the 2017 national curriculum assessments and put questions to our expert panel.

Entry to the Academies Show is free and you can register [here](#) for tickets.

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