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Key stage 1

Reminder: prepare for KS1 test administration

We delivered KS1 test materials to schools at the end of March. They must be kept secure until the end of May. Additional KS1 materials will be available to download from the 'Test materials' section of [NCA tools](#) from Tuesday 2 May.

All staff who will be involved in the administration or marking of KS1 tests in May should read the [test administration guidance](#).

You may have seen recent press coverage of the [primary assessment consultation](#) launch. The consultation includes a proposal to make assessments at the end of KS1 non-statutory, should the baseline for measuring progress be moved to reception and once that baseline is established. Final decisions on the proposals will be made after all responses have been considered at the end of the 12-week consultation period. We will publish our response to the consultation exercise in the autumn. KS1 tests will continue as planned and remain statutory in 2017.

Key stage 2

Information: delivery of KS2 test materials

We will deliver KS2 test materials to schools during the week beginning Monday 24 April. Headteachers

must check their school's delivery against the delivery note to ensure they have the correct number and type of test materials. You must [keep materials secure](#) and treat them as confidential until Friday 19 May.

If you haven't received your test materials by Friday 28 April, contact the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013.

Section 5 of the [key stage 2: test administration guidance](#) contains further information about receiving and storing test materials.

Publication: guidance for returning KS2 test scripts

We have published the [attendance register and test script dispatch instructions](#) online, for ease of access to all staff involved in test administration. You will receive one hard copy with your test materials. It includes guidance for schools completing KS2 test attendance registers, sending test scripts for marking and submitting the headteacher's declaration form.

You can also watch our [video](#) about returning test scripts.

Publication: how to apply for special consideration

We've also published information for schools about [special consideration](#). This may be applied if a pupil's performance in a KS2 test has been affected by extremely distressing circumstances that occurred at the time of the tests.

You can submit applications in the 'Access arrangements' section of [NCA tools](#) from Thursday 11 May until Friday 19 May.

Reminder: submit additional time applications by 24 April

You must submit applications for additional time by 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 individual pupil's needs and abilities.

Please read the [additional time guidance](#) before starting to make an application. We've also published a [video](#) demonstrating how to apply.

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