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Key stage 1

Action: prepare to administer the phonics screening check

You must administer the phonics screening check to eligible year 1 and year 2 pupils during the week beginning Monday 12 June. If a pupil is absent during the check week, you can administer the check up to Friday 23 June.

All staff who will be involved in the administration of the phonics screening check should read the [check administration guidance](#). Check administrators must also be familiar with:

- the [practice materials](#), which show how the check is constructed and what the materials will look like
- the [training video](#), which includes examples of pupils attempting the check and provides guidance on how to score responses

The 2017 check materials must not be opened before Monday 12 June and should only be opened when the check is going to be administered for the first time.

Information: delivery of phonics screening check materials

We will deliver phonics screening check materials to most schools during the week beginning Monday 5 June. We won't attempt delivery on Thursday 8 June due to some schools being used as polling stations for the general election. Due to local term dates, a small number of schools will be receiving their materials

this week (beginning 22 May).

Headteachers must check their school's delivery against the delivery note to ensure they have the correct quantities of check materials. You must [keep materials secure](#) and treat them as confidential until Monday 26 June.

If you haven't received your check materials by midday on Friday 9 June, please contact the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013.

There is no need to contact us for additional materials. If you need more copies of the 'answer sheet, you may photocopy it or download and print copies from the 'Test materials' section of [NCA tools](#) from Monday 12 June.

Information: phonics screening check monitoring visits

Your school may receive a monitoring visit before, during or following the check week.

[Monitoring visits guidance](#) supports local authorities arranging monitoring visits and informs schools about what to expect if they receive a visit.

Reminder: moderation of KS1 teacher assessment from 5 June

Local authorities (LAs) have been asked to inform schools if they are going to receive an external moderation visit of teacher assessment (TA) for KS1 from Friday 19 May.

They will carry out moderation visits from Monday 5 June to Thursday 29 June. If your school is to receive a visit, then the KS1 2017 teacher assessment external moderation [guidance](#) will help you to prepare.

Key stage 2

Action: submit KS2 teacher assessment by 29 June

The TA section of [NCA tools](#) is open. Schools must submit their KS2 TA data for English reading, writing, mathematics and science by Thursday 29 June.

If your LA is submitting TA data on your behalf, they must submit by this date. There is [guidance](#) available about which codes to use and how to upload your data.

Reminder: moderation of KS2 English writing teacher assessment from 5 June

LAs have been asked to inform schools if they are going to receive an external moderation visit of TA for KS2 English writing from Friday 19 May. LAs will carry out moderation visits from Monday 5 June to Thursday 29 June.

You should read the [guidance](#) and watch our video to help you prepare. They include details of the moderation process, information about how visits are carried out and advice designed to clarify some common misconceptions.



Information: 2017 KS2 test materials available on GOV.UK

We have now published the [KS2 test materials](#), including mark schemes.

Primary assessment

Information: assessment update

We will issue our next regular assessment update on Tuesday 6 June, after the half-term break.

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