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Key stage 2

Action: submit your school's 2017 to 2018 holiday dates

Please provide your school's holiday dates for the 2017 to 2018 academic year in the 'Test Orders' section of [NCA tools](#). You should include inset days, where applicable, in your holiday dates.

This will allow us to avoid these dates when we plan the delivery of 2018 test materials.

Information: return of marking reviews

If you applied for a marking review of the 2017 key stage 2 (KS2) tests you can check the outcome in the 'Pupil results' section of NCA tools.

Any scripts reviewed in hard copy were returned last week with a letter confirming the review outcome.

If you haven't received your scripts and review outcomes, or you are having difficulty in accessing these on NCA tools, then please contact the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013.

Reminder: check your school's data by 15 September

The performance tables [data checking exercise](#) is open until 5pm on Friday 15 September. Schools are asked to check their pupil level data and, if necessary, submit requests to amend the data on which their performance measures are calculated. You must submit confirmation of data even if you have no amendments to make. Any changes to data made after 4 July, such as following a marking review or late submission of teacher assessment, have not yet been included. Guidance on how to use the [checking website](#) is available in the documents section, once you have logged in.

All schools should have received user names and passwords to access the secure website. If you have any problems please contact the DfE helpline at examshelp@rm.com, or telephone 08453 077867.

Reminder: publication of KS2 provisional statistics

The Department for Education published [provisional statistics](#) for the 2017 KS2 national curriculum tests on 31 August. They provide data at national, regional and local authority level.

Primary assessment

Publication: 2018 assessment dates - KS1, KS2 and phonics screening check

Dates for the 2018 national curriculum tests, which schools must keep free for test administration, are available below. [Future dates](#) are also available to assist schools with their forward planning.

Key stage 1

| Date | Activity |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| May 2018 | Key stage 1 test period |
| Week commencing Monday 11 June 2018 | Phonics screening check week |

Key stage 2

| Date | Activity |
|--|--|
| Week commencing Monday 14 May 2018 | Key stage 2 test week |
| Weeks commencing Monday 4 June and Monday 11 June 2018 | Science sampling test period (for selected schools only) |

Information: recruiting temporary independent education experts

We will shortly be advertising several temporary roles to support the delivery of standardisation for the moderation of teacher assessment at key stage 1 and 2 for the 2017 to 2018 academic year. The roles are appropriate for teachers who have acted as local authority moderators in the past.

The recruitment exercise aims to recruit independent education experts (IEEs) to lead or provide support for the production and quality assurance of training materials and standardisation exercises and the delivery of STA training events for local authorities. Applicants will need to be able to provide between 3 and 30 days' time, depending on the role.

We expect the vacancies to go live by 15 September 2017. Interested applicants will need to have registered with REDIMO2, the department's e-sourcing and contract/grant management system, by 6 September 2017.

If you are interested in applying for any of the roles please contact the teacher assessment moderation team by emailing assessments@education.gov.uk.

Information: 2017 primary assessment communications survey responses

Thank you to those of you who completed our 2017 annual communications survey.

Your positive and constructive feedback will be used to inform our communications planning for this academic year.

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