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## Primary assessment

### Publication: 2018 assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA)

We've published the 2018 statutory guidance for national curriculum assessments at the end of [key stage 1](#) (KS1) and [key stage 2](#) (KS2). We have also published statutory guidance for assessing and reporting the [early years foundation stage](#) (EYFS) profile.

The KS1 and KS2 ARAs contain a changes section outlining important differences between the arrangements for 2017 and 2018.

### Information: primary assessment webinars

STA will be hosting 2 live, interactive webinars on Wednesday 8 November. These webinars will offer schools and other stakeholders the opportunity to pose questions about the 2018 national curriculum tests and assessments to our panel of experts. They will also address the decisions outlined in the [government's response](#) to the public consultation on primary assessment.

The webinars will be broadcast from 12.30pm (key stage 1) and 3.45pm (key stage 2) respectively. Each webinar will last approximately 45 minutes. Both will be made available on [STA's media and training site](#) as recorded versions afterwards.

Further information about how to register and submit questions will be sent in future assessment updates.

## Key stage 2

### Information: change to the order of 2018 KS2 tests

The recent [government response](#) to the primary assessment consultation confirmed that, in order to address feedback from teachers and headteachers, the English reading test would no longer be the first test sat by pupils during KS2 test week.

We can now confirm that the first test that pupils will take during the 2018 KS2 test week will be English grammar, punctuation and spelling with English reading to be administered on the Tuesday instead. Please see the full [2018 KS2 test timetable](#) below.

Test	Date
English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2	Monday 14 May
English reading	Tuesday 15 May
Mathematics papers 1 and 2	Wednesday 16 May
Mathematics paper 3	Thursday 17 May

### Information: timing of return of results

We can also now confirm that following feedback from schools the KS2 test results will be available from 7.30am on Tuesday 10 July, and not from midnight as in previous years.

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