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Publication: 2018 teacher assessment guidance

Teacher assessment guidance for [key stage 1](#) (KS1) and [key stage 2](#) (KS2) is available now to help schools and local authorities understand the statutory requirements for teacher assessment and moderation in 2018.

The guidance has been expanded this year to cover all aspects of teacher assessment, beyond the previous focus on moderation, to provide comprehensive information about teacher assessment for each key stage.

It includes guidance for making robust teacher assessment judgements without gathering excessive evidence, details the moderation process and provides information about the new, more flexible approach to the assessment of English writing.

Publication: 2018 English writing exemplification materials

Alongside the teacher assessment guidance, we've also published updated exemplification materials for [KS1](#) and [KS2](#) English writing, which takes into account the new, more flexible approach.

These materials provide examples of pupils' work to support teachers in making judgements against the new statutory teacher assessment frameworks for English writing at the end of the key stage.

Schools can choose to use the 2016 exemplification materials for English reading, mathematics and science at [KS1](#) and [KS2](#) in 2018.

Local authorities may also find the materials useful to support external moderation visits.

Action: register now for primary assessment webinars

Registration for the 2018 primary assessment webinars is now open. The webinars will be broadcast on Wednesday 8 November and you will need to [register](#) to watch them live. Both versions will be available as recorded versions on [STA's media and training site](#) afterwards.

Topics that will be covered in the webinars include:

- the government's response to the public consultations on the future of primary assessment and the recommendations of the Rochford Review
- the introduction of the revised teacher assessment (TA) frameworks for 2018 English writing
- TA moderation arrangements
- clarification of test administration arrangements for 2018

The key stage 1 webinar will be broadcast at 12.30pm and key stage 2 at 3.45pm.

You can register to take part in one or both webinars and, once registered, you will be invited to submit questions in advance for the panel to answer during the live broadcast.

Information: assessment update sent to schools

The information sent to schools is as follows:

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