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## Primary assessment

### **Reminder: deadline to place KS1 and KS2 test orders, if required, is 24 November**

The deadline for schools to place 2018 key stage 1 (KS1) and key stage 2 (KS2) test orders in the 'Test orders' section of [NCA tools](#) is Friday 24 November.

It is important that you read the information that applies to your type of school(s) below.

#### **Maintained schools, academies and free schools**

Maintained schools, academies and free schools do not need to place orders for standard versions of the tests. This is because we will calculate the quantities required based on your KS1 census data and KS2 pupil registration data. Your school only needs to take action if you need to place a test order for modified versions. The deadline to order modified tests, if required, is Friday 24 November.

#### **Special schools, pupil referral units (PRUs), hospital schools and secure units**

Special schools, PRUs, hospital schools and secure units should confirm zero

test orders on NCA tools by Friday 24 November, if all pupils are working below the standard of the KS1 and/or KS2 tests. If you do not confirm zero test orders, STA will assume that your pupils are taking the tests and will send test materials accordingly.

### **Independent schools**

Independent schools that are intending to take part in the 2018 national curriculum tests must place orders for both standard and modified tests on NCA tools, and issue privacy notices to parents, by Friday 24 November. If an independent school misses the deadline, they will not be able to formally participate in the 2018 tests.

### **Reminder: deadline to submit holiday dates is 24 November**

The deadline to submit your school's holiday dates is this Friday, 24 November.

If you haven't already, please provide your holiday dates for this year, including inset days, in the 'Test Orders' section of [NCA tools](#).

This will help us to plan the delivery of 2018 test and check materials and avoid any dates when your school will be closed.

### **Reminder: STA at the Academies Show tomorrow**

STA representatives will be at the [Academies Show](#) tomorrow.

Don't miss our seminar sessions at 11.10am and 3.30pm on 'Primary tests and assessments: 2018 and beyond'. Join us to ask questions about:

- the government response to the 2017 consultations
- changes to teacher assessment from 2018
- test administration in 2018
- planned changes to assessment in future years

We will also be available to answer questions at the DfE exhibition stand in the government village throughout the day.

Entry to the Academies Show is free. You can register [here](#) for tickets.

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