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Primary assessment

Publication: 2018 KS1 and KS2 test administration guidance

We've published the 2018 [key stage 1 \(KS1\)](#) and [key stage 2 \(KS2\)](#) test administration guidance.

In addition, we've published [KS1](#) and [KS2](#) guidance for schools administering modified large print or braille versions of the tests, as well as guidance for administering standard versions of the tests to pupils with a hearing impairment.

This guidance will be useful for school staff involved in the administration or marking of KS1 tests in May, and those who will be playing a part in the administration of KS2 tests in the week beginning Monday 14 May.

We've also published [guidance](#) for schools on how to maintain the security of the national curriculum tests and phonics screening check materials.

Publication: notes for readers in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test: questions

We've updated [guidance](#) for test administrators who act as readers for the KS1 and KS2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test: questions papers.

The guidance provides examples to show how particular types of questions in the 2018 KS1 and KS2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests should be read aloud to pupils.

Key stage 2

Publication: guidance for returning KS2 test scripts

We have published the [attendance register and test script dispatch instructions](#) for ease of access for all staff involved in test administration.

Schools will also receive one hard copy with their test materials in the week commencing Monday 30 April. It includes guidance for completing KS2 test attendance registers, sending test scripts for marking and submitting the headteacher's declaration form.

Publication: KS2 special consideration guidance

We've published [guidance](#) for schools about applying for special consideration. Special consideration may be applied if a pupil's performance in a KS2 test has been affected by extremely distressing circumstances or incidents that occurred at the time of the tests.

Schools can submit special consideration applications in the 'Access arrangements' section of [NCA tools](#) from Thursday 17 May until Friday 25 May.

Publication: demonstrate correct test administration

We've published [advice](#) to help schools protect themselves from allegations of maladministration by demonstrating correct test administration and by inviting observers to oversee the administration of the tests.

Publication: preparing pupils for on-screen marking of test scripts

We've also published updated [guidance](#) for schools to help ensure that pupils' KS2 test scripts can be scanned and their answers read and marked on screen.

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