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Key stage 2

Reminder: submit applications for additional time by 23 April

Schools must submit applications for additional time for pupils taking the key stage 2 (KS2) tests in the 'Access arrangements' section of [NCA tools](#) by Monday 23 April.

Section 3 of the [KS2 access arrangements guidance](#) explains the eligibility criteria and how schools can apply. We've also produced a short video demonstrating how to make applications.

[video](#)

Publication: attendance register and test script dispatch instructions and videos

We've published [instructions](#) for schools about completing KS2 test attendance registers, sending scripts for marking and submitting the headteacher's declaration form. The guidance also includes a package of videos available to view on [STA's media and training site](#) and [YouTube](#). Following feedback from schools about last year's video, we have divided the footage into 4 separate films for ease of reference.

Primary assessment

Action: sign up to the live Facebook event on 24 April

You can [sign up](#) now for another live Facebook event covering test administration, access arrangements and maladministration, which we will host on Tuesday 24 April from 6pm.

Thank you to those who took part and submitted questions during our first Facebook event on 15 March. The event had a significant reach amongst Facebook users and generated a high volume of questions and comments, mostly positive and indicating demand for a repeat event.

We have published a summary of the questions and responses on [STA's media and training site](#) for those who were unable to attend.

Publication: new resources for parents about primary assessments

We have published an [information leaflet](#) and 2 [videos](#) for parents of children in years 2 and 6 about national curriculum assessments. The purpose of these materials is to help parents understand more about the end of key stage assessments that will be administered in primary schools in May.

They provide basic information about the purpose and format of the tests, how parents can best support their children and how results will be reported.

The leaflet and videos may be useful resources for schools to share with parents, or to use during conversations with parents about primary assessments. We will also be promoting them via social media.

Publication: monitoring visits guidance

Monitoring visits [guidance](#) for the phonics screening check and the KS2 tests is now available for schools and local authorities. This includes information on how to conduct monitoring visits.

Additional [guidance](#) for KS2 includes a copy of the monitoring visit form and instructions for completing it, specifically for local authorities.

Publication: maladministration guidance

We have published [guidance](#) about STA's procedures for investigating allegations of maladministration relating to the phonics screening check, key stage 1 (KS1) and KS2 tests or teacher assessment.

We've also updated our [guidance](#) about how to report concerns regarding maladministration.

Information: no assessment updates over Easter holidays

This is the last assessment update before the Easter holidays. The next issue will be on Tuesday 17 April.

Enjoy the Easter break.

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