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Information: delivery of phonics screening check materials

You must administer the phonics screening check to year 1 pupils, and any eligible year 2 pupils, during the week beginning Monday 11 June. See section 4 of the <u>check administration</u> guidance for details of which pupils should participate.

We will deliver phonics screening check materials to most schools during the week beginning Monday 4 June. Headteachers must check their school's delivery against the delivery note to ensure they have the correct quantities of check materials. You must keep materials secure and treat them as confidential until Monday 25 June.

If you haven't received your check materials by midday on Friday 8 June, please contact the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013.

There is no need to contact us for additional materials. If you need more copies of the answer sheet, you may photocopy it or download and print copies from the 'Test materials' section of NCA tools from Monday 11 June.

Information: phonics screening check monitoring visits

Your school may receive a monitoring visit before, during or after the check week.

Monitoring visits guidance supports local authorities arranging monitoring visits and informs schools about what to expect if they receive a visit.

Reminder: administer KS1 tests by Thursday 31 May

Schools must administer the key stage 1 (KS1) tests during May.

Additional KS1 materials, including the optional English grammar, punctuation and spelling test, are available to download from the 'Test materials' section of NCA tools. All staff who will be involved in the administration or marking of KS1 tests should read the <u>test administration guidance</u>.

We will publish the raw score to scaled score conversion tables for KS1 tests on GOV.UK and NCA tools on Friday 1 June. You should use the tables to see whether your pupils have met the expected standard in the tests.

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Action: read new NCA tools privacy notice

Due to the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on 25 May 2018, we have a new <u>privacy notice</u> in place for NCA tools users.

Please read the privacy notice in full and accept the new terms and conditions when you log into NCA tools. If you do not accept the terms and conditions, you will no longer be able to use the site.

Information: publication of pre-key stage standards for 2018 to 2019

We have published pre-key stage standards in English reading, English writing and mathematics for <u>key stage 1</u> and <u>key stage 2</u>. They are for use from the 2018 to 2019 academic year onwards.

Teachers must use these standards to make statutory teacher assessment judgements for pupils who are working below the standard of national curriculum assessments and above P scale 4.

From next year, P scales 5 to 8 will no longer be used for statutory assessment.

The change follows the 2017 <u>consultation</u> on the Rochford Review group's recommendations, which found broad support to extend the interim pre-key stage standards to include all pupils engaged in subject-specific study.

We have since conducted a review of the standards, working with teachers and other education experts, before publishing these final versions.

Pupils not engaged in subject-specific study will continue to be assessed against P scales 1 to 4 in the 2018 to 2019 academic year.

Information: 2018 test materials available on GOV.UK

We have published the 2018 KS2 test materials, including mark schemes.

We'll publish the KS1 materials on Friday 1 June.

Reminder: KS1 and KS2 moderation window open from 4 June

The window for local authorities (LAs) to externally moderate <u>KS1</u> and <u>KS2</u> teacher assessment judgements opens on Monday 4 June and closes on Thursday 28 June.

LAs will also undertake <u>early years foundation stage profile</u> external moderation visits in the summer term.

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