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## Stakeholder update

### 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 [privacy notice](#) 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: phonics screening check monitoring visits

Schools have been made aware that they may receive a monitoring visit before, during or after the check week. Local authorities should refer to the phonics screening check [monitoring visits guidance](#) when arranging or carrying out visits.

### 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 [key stage 1](#) and [key stage 2](#). 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 [consultation](#) 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: assessment update sent to schools

The information sent to schools is as follows:

### Key stage 1

Information: delivery of phonics screening check materials

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Information: phonics screening check monitoring visits

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Reminder: administer KS1 tests by Thursday 31 May

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### Primary assessment

Action: read new NCA tools privacy notice

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

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Information: 2018 test materials available on GOV.UK

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Reminder: KS1 and KS2 moderation window open from 4 June

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