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Key stage 1

Action: prepare to administer the phonics screening check next week

You must administer the phonics screening check to year 1 pupils, and any eligible year 2 pupils, during the week beginning Monday 11 June. If pupils are absent during the check week, you can administer the check until Friday 22 June.

All staff who will be involved in the administration of the phonics screening check should read the [check administration guidance](#). Check administrators must also be familiar with:

- the [practice materials](#), which show how the check is constructed and what the materials will look like
- this [training video](#), which includes examples of pupils attempting the check and provides guidance on how to score responses

Information: delivery of phonics screening check materials

We will deliver the 2018 check materials to most schools this week. Headteachers must check their school's delivery against the delivery note to ensure you have the correct quantities of check materials.

Remember, 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: KS1 test materials and scaled scores available

We've published the 2018 [KS1 test materials](#), including mark schemes and the raw score to scaled score conversion tables.

You should use the tables to see whether your pupils have met the expected standard in the tests.

Reminder: phonics screening check monitoring visits start this week

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

[Monitoring visits guidance](#) supports local authorities (LA) arranging monitoring visits and informs schools about what to expect if they receive a visit.

Key stage 2

Reminder: submit KS2 teacher assessment data by 28 June

The teacher assessment (TA) section of [NCA tools](#) opened before the half-term break. Schools must submit their KS2 TA data for English reading, writing, mathematics and science by Thursday 28 June. If your LA is submitting TA data on your behalf, they must also submit it by this date. We encourage early submission of data.

We've published [guidance](#) about which codes to use and how to upload your data.

Publication: how to access results and test scripts

We've published [information](#) about how to access 2018 test results, scripts and scaled score conversion tables from 7:30am on Tuesday 10 July.

Primary assessment

Action: register your interest in joining an expert review panel

We hold a number of panels each year to review the proposed content of the national curriculum tests for key stages 1 and 2 and the professional skills tests for prospective teachers.

We are hoping to recruit volunteers to participate in these panels.

It's important that draft test materials are reviewed by professionals who are working with the relevant test population or who have specialist subject or assessment knowledge. For this reason we will only consider applicants who meet the criteria set out in this [short survey](#).

If you wish to forward this email to a colleague, [click here](#). Please do not complete the survey on their behalf.

If selected, you will receive an email with a formal invitation to attend a panel.

If you have any questions about review panels, please contact the national curriculum assessments helpline by email at assessments@education.gov.uk.

Information: reception baseline assessment

We've published a [leaflet](#) which provides information about the new [reception baseline assessment](#) to be introduced in autumn 2020.

Reminder: KS1 and KS2 moderation window open from 4 June

The window for LAs to externally moderate [KS1](#) and [KS2](#) teacher assessment judgements opened yesterday, Monday 4 June, and closes on Thursday 28 June.

LAs will also undertake [early years foundation stage profile](#) external moderation visits in the summer term.

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

On 24 May, we 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.

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