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# Supporting Progress for Every Child

## Transforming Statutory Assessment: An Independent Review for Northern Ireland

Statutory Assessment Pathway Overview Table



Year	Assessment	Assessment Details	Time per pupil (in minutes)
Year 1	Baseline Check	Language, literacy and communication, mathematics and key aspects of reasoning and development, to be completed no later than by half term of the first term.	20
Year 2	Phonics Check*	Taken by end of June and followed by reading fluency checks in Year 3, 4 and 5. If pupils do not meet the required standard in the phonics check in Year 2, then it needs to be retaken in the next window for the check. When the phonics standard is met, it is followed by 3 years of reading fluency checks.	10
Year 3	Reading Fluency Check	Taken by the end of year.	1
Year 4	Literacy Test	Comprehension test taken by the end of the year.	15-20
	Reading Fluency Check	Taken by the end of year.	1
	Writing Repository	Example submissions to be uploaded by the end of year.	5
	Mathematics Test	Taken by the end of year.	15-20
Year 5	Multiplication Check	Taken by the end of year.	5
	Reading Fluency Check	Taken by the end of year.	1
Year 6	Writing Repository	Example submissions to be uploaded by the end of year.	5
Year 7	Literacy Test	Fluency, comprehension and spelling, punctuation-grammar test, taken by the end of year.	40-60
	Mathematics Test	Assessment across mathematics curriculum taken by the end of year.	20-30
	Science test	Assessment of core science concepts taken by the end of year.	20-30
Year 8	Writing Repository	Example submissions to be uploaded by the end of year.	5
Year 10	Literacy Test	Assessment across the English curriculum taken by the end of year.	40-60
	Mathematics Test	Assessment across the mathematics curriculum taken by the end of year.	40-60
	Science Test	Assessment across the science curriculum taken by the end of year.	40-60

\* From the time the phonics standard is met, it is followed by 3 years of reading fluency checks.

#### Optional Assessment to complement the statutory pathway

- Years 1–10: Optional use of CCEA Adaptive Assessments potentially replacing current commercial assessments.
- Years 2–10: Optional reading fluency checks at any time, with frequency determined by the school.
- Year 8: Optional baseline checks in literacy, mathematics and science to be available to schools.

# Independent Review of Assessment Statutory Assessment Pathway



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