

Primary assessment in 2018

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Changes for 2018

- No significant changes to the 2018 tests
- Changes announced as part of the government response to the public consultations
- Changes that affect both key stages include:
 - publication of revised English writing frameworks and exemplification materials
 - adoption of a more flexible approach to teacher assessment and changes to the 'pupil can' statements
 - expansion of teacher assessment guidance, beyond the focus on moderation



Changes for 2018 (cont)

- Changes affecting key stage 2 only:
 - change of day for English reading test – now on Tuesday, English grammar, punctuation and spelling test on Monday
 - change of timing for return of results – results published at 7.30am on 10 July, instead of midnight
- For key stage 1 only:
 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling test remains optional for 2018, as well as for future years



Primary assessment beyond 2018

A number of additional changes will come into effect over the next few years as a result of the public consultation on primary assessment

- A new statutory baseline assessment to be developed and introduced in autumn 2020
- Key stage 1 assessments become non-statutory from 2022 to 2023 academic year at the earliest
- Key stage 2 teacher assessments become non-statutory for English reading and mathematics from 2018 to 2019
- A multiplication tables check introduced for year 4 pupils in 2020



Primary assessment beyond 2018 (cont)

We will also make changes based on outcomes from the parallel consultation on the Rochford Review recommendations

- The requirement to assess pupils engaged in subject-specific learning using P scales to be removed from 2018 to 2019 onwards
- Instead, the interim pre-key stage standards will be extended to cover all pupils engaged in subject-specific learning
- A full suite of exemplification materials will be available to support teacher judgements using the pre-key stage standards
- We will pilot the use of the 7 aspects of engagement for cognition and learning to assess pupils who aren't engaged in subject-specific learning



For more information and resources

- Access www.GOV.UK/STA for information and guidance about primary assessment
- Past papers and practice materials available at www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials
- View and subscribe to our assessment updates at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sta-assessment-updates>
- View our webinars and other videos at: <https://registration.livgroup.co.uk/sta/>
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