

## 2016 national curriculum tests

# Key stage 2

### New for 2016

- The new national curriculum will be assessed for the first time in May 2016.
- Test outcomes will no longer be reported using levels. Scaled scores will be used instead.
- There will be 1 set of tests for each subject. They will include a small number of questions designed to assess the most able pupils, so separate tests are no longer required.
- An arithmetic test now replaces the mental mathematics test.
- Schools may consider entering pupils for some, or all of the tests, early. Where a pupil does not take all of the tests early, they may take the other tests in future years.
- The biennial science sampling tests will take place in June 2016. Tests will be administered in selected schools by external administrators. Participation is statutory for schools selected to take part.
- Schools (except participating independent schools) don't need to order standard materials as orders will be based on autumn census data.

2016 sample test materials are available on [www.gov.uk/sta](http://www.gov.uk/sta)



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### Information

**Monday 28 September:**  
'Test orders' section of  
NCA tools opens.

### Action

**w/c Monday 28 September:**  
Create your new NCA tools  
website password.  
All accounts are reset for  
the new test cycle.

September

### Action

**Monday 28 September:**  
Maintained schools and  
academies need to order  
modified tests by  
**Friday 27 November.**

### Action

**Monday 28 September:**  
Independent schools  
participating in assessments  
need to order **both** standard  
and modified tests by  
**Friday 27 November.**

### Deadline

#### Friday 27 November:

For participating independent schools to place their orders for both modified and standard materials, and to issue privacy notices.

### Deadline

#### Friday 27 November:

For maintained schools and academies to order modified versions of the tests.

### Deadline

#### End of autumn term:

For academies to have chosen which LA will undertake their monitoring of the KS2 national curriculum assessments.

### Action

#### Monday 1 February:

'Access arrangements' section of NCA tools website opens for schools to apply for additional time, early opening, compensatory marks and timetable variations.

### Deadline

#### Monday 29 February:

For schools to submit applications for early opening and compensatory marks. If you have previously saved an application on NCA tools please check it has been completed and submitted.

### Deadline

#### Friday 18 March:

For schools to complete pupil registration.

#### Independent schools:

Pupils not registered by today will **not** be able to take the tests.

October

November

December

January

February

March

For detailed information read the:

- assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA)
- test administration guidance (TAG)

For all online test administration, visit the NCA tools website at <https://ncatools.education.gov.uk>

Remember to keep your school's details updated on the EduBase website: [www.education.gov.uk/edubase](http://www.education.gov.uk/edubase)

Keep up-to-date with our **assessment update** emails. These are sent to NCA tools super users throughout the test cycle.

Contact the national curriculum assessments helpline on **0300 303 3013** if you have any queries.

### Information

#### Monday 22 February:

'Pupil registration' section of NCA tool opens.

### Information

#### During March:

Refreshed 'Test administrators' guide' (TAG) published on GOV.UK.

### Information

#### Early spring term:

STA to inform schools that have been selected to take part in the 2016 science sampling tests.

### Deadline

#### Monday 11 April:

For schools to complete applications for additional time. If you have previously saved an application on NCA tools please check that it has been completed and submitted.

April

### Action

## Test Week

**Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May:**  
Remember you can apply for a timetable variation if a pupil is absent.

### Action

## TTV Week

**Monday 16 May to Thursday 19 May:**  
Applications for timetable variations (TTV) **must** be approved by STA before any tests using TTVs are administered.

May

### Deadline

#### Friday 20 May:

For schools to submit the headteacher's declaration form.

### Deadline

#### Friday 20 May:

For schools to submit special consideration applications. If you have previously saved an application on NCA tools please check that it has been completed and submitted.

### Information

#### Monday 11 April:

If you have applied for early opening, you will be notified of the outcome of your application via NCA tools.

### Information

#### Thursday 12 May:

'Access arrangements' section of NCA tools website opens for applications for special consideration.

### Deadline

#### Friday 20 May:

For schools to submit any notifications that pupils have used a scribe, transcript, word processor or electronic or technical aid, or that the tests were administered at another location.

### Information

#### w/c 25 April:

Delivery of test materials (standard and modified) and stationery items starts this week.

### Information

#### Thursday 12 May:

Headteacher's declaration form available for completion on NCA tools website.

### Information

#### Monday 23 May:

2016 mark schemes available from the NCA tools website.

### Action

## Science Sampling

**Monday 6 June to**

**Friday 17 June:**

Test period for schools selected to participate in the science sampling tests.

### Information

## Return of results

**Tuesday 5 July:**

Pupils' results (raw scores and scaled scores) will be available on NCA tools. Tables to explain the conversion from raw scores to scaled scores are published on GOV.UK.

### Deadline

**Friday 24 June:**

Schools to submit teacher assessment data.

### Information

**Friday 2 September:**

Review outcomes are returned to schools.

June

July to September

### Action

**By end of summer term:**

Report to parents.

### Deadline

**Friday 15 July:**

For schools to submit review applications. Applications submitted after this date will **not** be accepted.

Visit **GOV.UK** for information, latest news and publications: **www.gov.uk/sta**

### Key tasks

### Deadline

Order modified test material and, for participating independent schools only, standard tests

**Friday 27 November**

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**End of autumn term**

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**End of summer term**

### Test

### Date

**English reading test**

**Monday 9 May**

**English grammar, punctuation and spelling test**  
Paper 1: short answer questions  
Paper 2: spelling

**Tuesday 10 May**

**Mathematics**

Paper 1: arithmetic  
Paper 2: reasoning

**Wednesday 11 May**

**Mathematics**

Paper 3: reasoning

**Thursday 12 May**