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| **Information: cancellation of 2021 national curriculum assessments**The Prime Minister announced earlier this week that primary schools should move to remote provision, except for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. We recognise that due to the further disruption caused by this change, key stage 1 (KS1) and key stage 2 (KS2) national curriculum assessments cannot continue as intended.  The following assessments, scheduled between April and July 2021, have been cancelled: * KS1 teacher assessments
* KS2 tests and teacher assessments
* phonics screening check
* all statutory trialling

Schools do not need to complete any further activities to prepare for these assessments. Local authorities will not need to undertake monitoring or moderation activities.We know that schools will continue to use assessment to inform teaching, to enable them to give information to parents on their child’s attainment in their statutory annual report and to support transition of KS2 pupils to secondary school. We strongly encourage schools to use [past test papers](https://www.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8088a92c9c7454749d4a06114&id=1bcee7d580&e=fffcad0028) in their assessment of pupils.These arrangements will apply for summer 2021 only, and we are planning for a full programme of primary assessments to take place in the 2021/22 academic year. This will include the introduction of the statutory reception baseline assessment and multiplication tables check, as previously announced. We will confirm full details for 2021/22 primary assessments in due course.  |

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| **Information: early years foundation stage profile** Arrangements for the early years foundation stage (EYFS) profile in 2021 will be confirmed as soon as possible. |

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| **Reminder: Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline** The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and the Public Health England Advice Service (option 1) is available to answer any questions you have about coronavirus relating to education settings and children’s social care.Phone: 0800 046 8687Opening hours:Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pmSaturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pmPlease listen carefully to all of the available options before selecting the most appropriate option for your nursery, school, college or university.The [latest guidance for education settings](https://www.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8088a92c9c7454749d4a06114&id=acbb0cc1aa&e=fffcad0028) is available on GOV.UK.  |

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| **Standards and Testing Agency**Tel: 0300 303 3013 (Monday-Friday 8.30am-5pm)Email: **assessments@education.gov.uk**Web: [**http://www.gov.uk/sta**](https://www.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8088a92c9c7454749d4a06114&id=ee280f6cab&e=fffcad0028) |

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