

Important information

Statutory key stage 1 and key stage 2 tests and teacher assessment.

Phonics screening check for year 2 pupils

Cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2021 means that year 2 pupils did not take the check when they were in year 1.

In the 2021/22 academic year, schools must administer a past version of the phonics screening check (from 2017, 2018 or 2019) to year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2021 autumn term (excluding any pupils who meet the exceptions listed in section 8.2) and return results to their geographical LA by the end of the autumn term.

Year 2 pupils who achieve the expected standard in the autumn 2021 check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics.

Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the autumn 2021 check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2022.

STA has published full guidance for schools on administering the check to year 2 pupils

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-phonics-screening-check-administration-guidance>

2022 key stage 1: assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA)

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2022-key-stage-1-assessment-and-reporting-arrangements-ara?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=db794b57-f57a-489d-883b-466ff4722aa9&utm_content=immediately

2022 key stage 2: assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA)

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2022-key-stage-2-assessment-and-reporting-arrangements-ara?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=6580c70b-ecd4-4340-a8e7-99449768cc03&utm_content=immediately

Upcoming dates - what you will be able to do and when(Primary Assessment Gateway)

October

Monday 11: KS1 & KS2 access arrangements guidance published on GOV.UK

Monday 25: Forms available on the Primary Assessment Gateway for schools to:

- submit holiday dates
- place test orders (if required)
- notify STA of the LA selected for monitoring and moderation, applicable to:-
academies not using their geographical LA and participating independent schools

November

Friday 19: Deadline for:

- Maintained schools and academies to order modified versions of the KS1 & KS2 tests
- Participating independent schools to order standard and modified versions of the KS1 & KS2 tests and issue privacy notices to parents
- Special schools, PRU's and secure units to place test orders if any pupils are working at the standard of the tests and can access them
- Schools to submit & confirm their holiday dates for the 2021/22 academic year
- Academies to have a written agreement in place with their chosen LA for monitoring and moderation
- Academies not using their geographical LA for monitoring and moderation to have reported this information to STA

Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December:

- LA's complete TA moderation standardisation exercise in English Writing (if required)
- During the 2nd half of the autumn term, schools administer a past version of the phonics screening check to year 2 pupils.

December

Friday 10: Deadline for participating independent schools to:

- Report to STA, on the Primary Assessment Gateway, that they have a written agreement in place with an LA to monitor their KS2 tests (and complete external moderation of TA, if submitting)

- By the end of the autumn term:

- schools must submit their phonics screening check results for year 2 pupils to the LA