

To: Headteachers of Primary and Special Schools (Primary), Short Stay Schools (Primary), and Support Services

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Dear Colleague

Assessment update

I hope that you all had a very pleasant half term break and are looking forward to many enjoyable activities planned in the run up to Christmas. I am just writing to you to provide you with some updates around Assessment to ensure that you have the latest information.

Key Stage 2 Test Week 2023

It was recently announced that Monday 8 May 2023 would be a bank holiday to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. This was timetabled to be the first day of Key Stage 2 Test Week. As such the Department for Education have announced that:

- KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned.
- The KS2 timetable variation (TTV) window for each assessment will also move back one day.
- There will be no changes to arrangements for our other assessments, including KS2 teacher assessments, Key Stage 1 tests and teacher assessments, the phonics screening check and the multiplication tables check.
- DfE are aware that schools may have booked events or activities for Y6 pupils on Friday 12th May. Where possible, schools should look to rearrange or delay the start of any such events or activities to accommodate mathematics paper 3.
- Where it is not possible to change plans in this way then, exceptionally for 2023, STA will approve applications for TTVs arising from booked residentials, trips or similar events scheduled for Friday 12 May only. Schools will need to reschedule the date of the test (mathematics paper 3) for the affected pupils to one of the following five school days.
- STA will not approve TTVs for any such events that are scheduled on other test days, in line with existing rules.
- KS2 Assessment and Reporting Arrangements will be updated to reflect these decisions, including any changes to other aspects of test administration such as arrangements for the collection of test papers.



This information can be found here:

[Changes to key stage 2 assessment dates in 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changes-to-key-stage-2-assessment-dates-in-2023)

We will amend our Assessment Calendar and Checklist once the STA have confirmed all the date changes and send these out to you.

In January and February Access Arrangements sessions are now available and are filling up very quickly. There are 2 versions. Breakfast Briefings (online) for experienced Headteachers and ½ day sessions for other colleagues. They can be booked here:

[Access Arrangements - Breakfast Briefings](#)

[Access Arrangements - 1/2 Day Sessions](#)

Primary Data from 2021/2022

As mentioned in my previous letter, headline data can be found for the academic year 2021/22 at the following link:

[Key stage 2 attainment \(provisional\): 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/key-stage-2-attainment-provisional-2022)

[Statistics: key stage 1 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/key-stage-1-2021-22)

There are some key messages about the use of this data in Primary Accountability on pages 6-8 including how Ofsted will use the information.

[Primary school accountability in 2022: technical guide \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/102444/primary-school-accountability-in-2022-technical-guide)

In addition, the DfE released Early Years Foundation Stage Statistics on 24 November. These can be accessed here:

[Early years foundation stage profile results: 2021 to 2022 - National statistics announcement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/early-years-foundation-stage-profile-results-2021-to-2022)

Multiplication Tables Check data has also been released:

[Multiplication tables check attainment: 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/multiplication-tables-check-attainment-2022)

The LSIP

For SSG Schools, and those Non- SSG Schools that placed an order, the LSIP is now available for you on Lancashire ROSE. This includes the Pupil Characteristics and Attainment sections. In addition, I am also pleased to be able to tell you that the interactive progress section is now live, and the popular 'Closing the Gap' reports have been uploaded. Also on ROSE are guidance documents to help you with the interpretation of all these reports. In the guidance, you will notice we have included the cautionary messages from Primary Accountability around the comparison of your School data to Local and National averages.

If you would like support in the interpretation of your data, then there are several 'Understanding Primary Data' sessions around the County in early December. Places can be booked here:

[Understanding Primary Data](#)

Alternatively, in house, bespoke sessions with SLT/Staff or Governors can be arranged by emailing me directly.

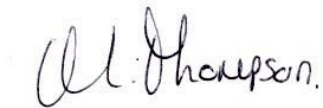


Ready Reckoners

We have updated your Ready Reckoners on Lancashire ROSE to include all your progress measures. These are fully interactive, and you can look at different groups of children including the ability to create your own bespoke groups. In addition, we have added a blank, fully editable Ready Reckoner that you may wish to use over the course of the year with your current Year 6 children. Full instructions of how to set these up are included with the Reckoner.

If you have any general queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Professional Support Team Helpdesk on 01772 531555 or, alternatively, email me at Mike.Thompson@Lancashire.gov.uk. All that remains is to wish you all a very enjoyable last few weeks of term in School and, when it arrives, a Merry Christmas!

Yours sincerely



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