

St Paul's CE Primary School



A guide to National Curriculum and Assessment Changes

**Statutory Testing at the End of
each Key Stage (years 2 and 6)**

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The new National Curriculum, which became statutory for all pupils from Years 1 to 6 in September 2015, has resulted in changes to national testing for pupils at the end of Year 2 and Year 6.

The SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) that have been taken at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 will change significantly in 2016.

The old tests assessed against national curriculum levels. The national curriculum levels are no longer valid for the New National Curriculum.

The government is currently designing a new set of tests for pupils in years 2 and 6. The information below sets out what is known to date about the new assessments.

Year 2 – End of Key Stage 1

Year 2 will be set externally designed, national test papers. These test papers split into three areas:

- **Mathematics** – there will be two papers. i) An arithmetic paper, which will solving ‘context free’ calculations – in other words maths sums which are not presented in a scenario or story. ii) A mathematical reasoning and problem solving paper, which will include problems presented in a scenario or story.
- **Reading** – there will be two papers. i) An integrated reading and question test. ii) A separate reading and answer booklet test.
- **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling** – there will be two papers. i) A spelling paper. ii) A question paper to test grammar and punctuation. This test is designed to contribute to teachers’ assessment of writing.

The assessments will be set in the summer term, although there is no set national timetable for Key Stage 1 assessments.

How will year 2 assessment results be reported?

The Department for Education is developing a ‘scaled’ scoring system. This means that pupils will receive a numeric assessment grade.

- If the grade is 100, then the pupil will have attained national expectation.

- If the grade is less than 100, then the pupil will have attained below national expectation.
- If the grade is more than 100, the pupil will have attained above national expectation.

The assessment results will continue to be reported in the pupil's annual report to parents sent home at the end of the summer term.

Year 6 – End of Key Stage 2

Year 6 will be set externally designed, national test papers. These test papers split into three main areas:

- **Mathematics** – there will be two papers with clear time limits. i) An arithmetic paper with a limit of 30 minutes. ii & iii) Mathematical reasoning papers, each 40 minutes in length.
- **Reading** – There will be a test with a time limit of an hour. One booklet will have three texts to read and the second paper will contain questions for pupils to answer.
- **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling** – There will be two papers with clear time limits. i) A grammar and punctuation paper with a limit of 45 minutes. ii) A spelling paper with a limit of about 20 minutes.

The assessments must take place in line with the national timetable. Assessments will take place in the week of 9th May 2016.

How will year 6 assessment results be reported?

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- If the grade is more than 100, the pupil will have attained above national expectation.

The assessment results will continue to be reported in the pupil's annual report to parents sent home at the end of the summer term.