

2017 national curriculum tests and assessments

A summary of the latest information published on the STA web site:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/standards-and-testing-agency>

Webinars

Schools, local authorities and others involved in primary assessments at key stage 1 (KS1) and key stage 2 (KS2) can now view the recordings of 2 interactive webinars which were broadcasted live on 15 November.

Both webinars gave an opportunity to ask questions about 2017 national curriculum tests and assessments to a panel of experts.

Each recording lasts approximately 45 minutes and both webinars are accompanied by a downloadable summary of the main topics discussed, with the panel's responses.

The recordings and summaries are available on [STA's media and training](#) site.

Please use the rating system available alongside the recordings to provide feedback on the webinars, to help the STA with future planning

Schools are reporting that these are helpful when staff view them together as part of a meeting or CPD session.

Information: modified test orders

The 'Test orders' section of NCA tools is now closed.

If a new pupil joins your school or the needs of a pupil change, and you need advice on obtaining modified test materials for them, please contact the modified test agency on 0300 303 3019, or via email at modifiedtestshelpline@pia.co.uk.

For any other queries relating to test orders, please contact the national curriculum assessments helpline on 0300 303 3013.

STA have produced a [short video](#) to help schools place test orders.

Primary assessment

Action: enter your school's holiday dates in NCA tools

You can now enter your school's holiday dates in the 'Test orders' section of [NCA tools](#). This will help us to plan the delivery of test materials.

You should enter your school's holiday dates, rather than term dates, as this information will tell us when you won't be available.

If you want to amend dates you have previously submitted, please return to the 'Confirm holiday dates' tab in the 'Test orders' section of NCA tools, select your new dates, and click 'Submit'.

Action: update your school's details in Edubase

STA send materials to the school address recorded in [Edubase](#). They also use this information to update NCA tools and the email mailing lists.

Please make sure your school's details are up to date so that STA have the correct details, including the name of the current head teacher

Information: preparing for the mathematics tests

To help teachers prepare for the mathematics tests, STA have [published guidance](#) on the equipment that can be provided and also how questions should be answered in the arithmetic tests.

Action: 2016 assessment updates feedback

In September 2016, STA introduced a new format for their assessment updates. You are invited to send feedback via a short survey available on the web site: [short survey](#).

Subscription to the STA assessment updates are proving popular so far, 4,937 new users have signed up. Mailings are automatically issued weekly to the school 'superusers' registered in [NCA tools](#).

If other colleagues at your school would like to receive the mailings, they can [subscribe](#) now using their Department for Education (DfE) number.