

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT – ASSESSMENT AND MODERATION

KS1 and 2 – PRIMARY MAINTAINED

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Overview

The LA's responsibilities in relation to assessment and moderation include:

- Ensuring that participating schools:
 - understand and follow the statutory requirements set out in the Assessment and Reporting Arrangements document, as well as any funding agreement requirements
 - are offered support on all aspects of assessment at KS1 and 2
- Ensuring training and advice is available to schools on all aspects of assessment at KS1 and 2 and the phonics screening check
- Making unannounced monitoring visits to a sample of at least 10% of LA maintained schools, academies and participating independent schools before, during and after the test period for the KS2 tests and phonics screening check
- Making arrangements for a robust programme of moderation to ensure that all schools they are responsible for are moderated once every 4 years (not including the two pandemic years when moderation did not take place), or more frequently if required, to validate English writing TA judgements at KS2.

Links with Key Strategic Priorities

1. Improve outcomes for vulnerable pupils and students: specifically narrowing the gap.
2. **Increase the number of schools who are judged to be good or better.**
3. Established an enduring mechanism for engaging with schools leaders on strategic education issues.
4. Ensure the local authority and schools are ready to embrace the implications of the Children's and Families Bill.

Core Provision (non-chargeable)

DESCRIPTION
Advice and guidance via telephone/ email relating to assessment including TA and statutory testing
Assessment co-ordinators' network meetings
Termly standardisation and moderation meetings for Year 6 teachers to support teacher assessment of writing
Moderation briefing meeting in May for teachers and leaders in schools selected for moderation
Key stage 2 writing moderation (If the school comes up in the moderation cycle for this year, or is selected for moderation for another reason)
Key stage 2 test monitoring (If the school comes up in the monitoring cycle for this year, or is selected for monitoring for another reason)
Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Monitoring (As above)