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If you are looking for a specific piece of guidance, our collection pages include all the information on a particular topic in one place. You can easily find them on our homepage gov.uk/sta – for example, our ‘Features’ section has a collection page for each assessment.

If you are waiting for the latest version of a particular piece of guidance, or if you are worried about missing an update, you can sign up to email alerts directly from GOV.UK, as soon as something changes. Look out for the:

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Action: review your NCA Portal user access

School and local authority users who have account manager permissions on the National Curriculum Assessments Portal (NCA Portal) must ensure that their organisation’s users are kept up to date and only have access to the permission levels needed to carry out the functions of their role.

Account managers must regularly review their user accounts in the ‘Account’ tab on the [NCA Portal](#) to:

- remove accounts of staff who have left the school
- create new accounts for new staff members
- adjust permission levels for staff who have changed roles

For more information and instructions, please also refer to the guidance on [how to access the NCA Portal](#).

Publication: updated parent information leaflets for all assessments in the academic year 2026 to 2027

All our parent information leaflets are now updated for assessments in the academic year 2026 to 2027.

Information for parents is available to read online or download as a PDF leaflet, and explains:

- what parents need to know
- what each assessment involves
- when tests will take place
- how results will be shared and used

You can find all leaflets in our collection of [national curriculum assessments information for parents](#), covering the:

- reception baseline assessment (RBA)
- phonics screening check
- optional key stage 1 (KS1) national curriculum tests
- multiplication tables check (MTC)
- key stage 2 (KS2) national curriculum tests, results and teacher assessment
- pre-key stage standards
- engagement model

We encourage you to share this information with parents and carers of pupils who are participating in the assessments this academic year.