

Information for parents: 2018 national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1

Frieth CEC School Year 2

Key stage 1 tests – year 2 pupils

Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English, maths and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and maths, commonly called SATs. They will sit an optional test in English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

What purpose do they serve?

The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1.

When are they taken and how?

The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Tests will be incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

What are the tests?

Subject

Test paper

English reading

- * Short text and questions (approx 30 mins)
- * Long text with separate questions (approx 40 mins)

Mathematics

- * Arithmetic (approx 20 mins)
- * Mathematical reasoning (approx 35 mins)

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary) (approx 35 mins)

How can you help your child to prepare?

Teachers will make sure all pupils in their class are prepared for the tests. They have already had past papers for homework to familiarise them with the test length and types of questions that are asked.

You should follow the general advice teachers give about supporting your child's education throughout the year. This may be specific to a certain subject such as phonics or arithmetic's and will be tailored to your individual child.

You should continue to read everyday with your child and help them to learn the spellings for some of the common exception words for year 2. Arithmetic should be practised every day to keep processes and operations fresh in the children's minds.

How are the results reported to parents?

Reports will be sent out to parents on Friday 13th July 2018.

Included within this report will be a summary with details of the standard your child is working at.

Pupil's Results at Key Stage 1 - 2017

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Teacher Assessment Results:

English Reading	Working in greater depth at the expected standard
English Writing	Working at the expected standard
Mathematics	Working at the expected standard
Science	Working at the expected standard

Key to Teacher Assessment Results:

Note: not all results are valid for all Areas of Learning

- GDS is awarded if the pupil is working at greater depth at the expected standard.
- EXS is awarded if the pupil is working at the expected standard.
- WTS is awarded if the pupil is working towards the expected standard.
- HNM is awarded if the pupil has not met the standard.
- PKF is awarded if the pupil is working at foundations for the expected standard.
- BLW is awarded if the pupil is below the standard of the tests.*

* to be reported with P-scales or NOTSEN as appropriate

A is awarded if the pupil was absent.

D is awarded if the pupil is disapplied in Reading, Writing or Mathematics.

U is awarded if the pupil is disapplied in Science

What do the tests look like?

You can look at [past papers](#) by clicking on the hyperlink or searching online at www.gov.uk/STA

<https://registration.livgroup.co.uk/sta/ContentTabs/Embed.aspx?dfid=33381>

or

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Any questions?

- **Do all children have to take the tests?** Yes, government require all children to take the tests unless there is a predetermined condition that makes it impossible for the child to access the test.
- **Will some children be given extra support for reading?** Children will do the tests in small groups and therefore can have any questions read to them.
- **What happens if they don't pass the tests?** There is no pass or fail. The only outcome for your child if they don't score well on the tests is that the school will provide extra provision to help them in KS2.
- **What if they are sick on the day?** They can sit the tests anytime in the first 3 weeks of May. The tests only confirm the teacher assessment so we already will have collected the evidence.