

CHANGES TO PRIMARY SATS AND ASSESSMENTS

Following an announcement from the government this week, there will be changes to the end of Key Stage Assessments (SATS) this year. This refers to the tests that children in Year 2 and in Year 6 normally sit in the Summer Term, as well as the Phonics Test for Year 1 pupils and the Multiplication Tables Test for Year 4 pupils. These are the main changes:

Key Stage 1

Year 1

The Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place as normal (this also includes any Year 2 pupils, who did not pass the Year 1 test in the previous year. The Phonics Test that was missed in June 2020 due to Lockdown, was administered during the second half of the Autumn Term 2020).

End of Key Stage 1 (Year 2)

The following formal tests are cancelled for this year:

- KS1 English reading
- KS1 Maths
- KS1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling (SPAG)
- Teacher assessment for Science has been cancelled

These tests will be replaced by a Teacher Assessment result for each child. At Trefonen, we will make appropriate use of previous year's tests with the children, alongside other information, to help us to arrive at secure teacher assessment judgements.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

This year the multiplication tables check will be optional, not statutory.

At Trefonen, we will take the opportunity to use the optional Multiplication Tables Check to help us to identify any specific gaps in children's learning. This will help us to provide specific 'catch-up' for children who have may not have reached the expected level as a result of Lockdown.

End of Key Stage 2 / Year 6

The following tests are cancelled for this year:

- KS2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling (SPAG)

The following tests will continue as normal:

- English – Reading
- Maths

Writing at KS2 will continue be assessed through Teacher Assessment, as normal.
Teacher assessment for Science has been cancelled.

Publication of Results / Performance Tables

Test and teacher assessment results will not be published in national league tables this year.

The DfE will still publish information about attendance. At Trefonen, our attendance since September has been brilliant, above national and local averages! A huge thank you and well done to all of our parents and children!