**National Tests – update**

The test window for 2015 has been confirmed as 29th April – 12th May for secondary schools and 6th – 12th May for primaries. Middle schools, special schools and PRUs will need to follow the appropriate timetable for their national curriculum year groups as test papers will be delivered firstly for years 7- 9 followed by years 2-6.

Results will be expected for pupils taking the appropriate test for their NC year group, that is the idea for allowing pupils to sit tests for a younger age group has been dropped. This is due to the standardisation model not allowing for meaningful results to be provided for these pupils.

New measures are being developed to show progress at both a pupil level and a wider school/LA/national level. We are in the very early stages of development with this and will keep you updated as and when we have something to share with you. At present, it doesn’t look like any changes to A\_COMP or Modular CBDS will be needed, save for the usual yearly updates.

The data currently held in schools still needs to be updated and a timeframe for this work is yet to be confirmed. You may find it helpful to see the current data situation below.

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| **Test** | **Data item** | **Status** | **Change required** |
| **National Reading Tests 2013** | Raw score | Present – ok | None |
| Age standardised score | Present – incorrect | To be provided in import file and overwritten |
| Progress score | Present – incorrect | To be provided in import file and overwritten |
| **National Numeracy Procedural Tests 2013** | Raw score | Present – ok | None |
| Age standardised score | Present | None |
| Progress score | Not provided | To be provided in import file |
| **National Reading Tests 2014** | Raw score | Present - ok | None |
| Age standardised score | Present – ok | None |
| Progress score | Not provided | To be provided in import file |
| Progress score difference | Not provided | None |
| **National Numeracy Procedural Tests 2014** | Raw score | Present - ok | None |
| Age standardised score | Present - ok | None |
| Progress score | Not provided | To be provided in import file |
| Progress score difference | Not provided | None |
| **National Numeracy Reasoning Tests 2014** | Raw score | Present – ok | None |
| Age standardised score | Present – ok | None |
| Progress score | Not provided | To be provided in import file |
| Progress score difference | Not provided | None |

Further details will be provided as they become available. The policy team will be invited to the next SDF in November to discuss any issues and provide detailed plans.