



Scottish National Standardised



Assessment

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The Scottish Government has commissioned the Scottish National Standardised Assessments as part of the National Improvement Framework.

What do you need to know as a parent or carer?

The Scottish Government has introduced a single, nationally developed set of standardised assessments, designed to reflect the way we deliver education in Scotland, through Curriculum for Excellence.

Ongoing and informal assessment is, and will continue to be, a central part of everyday assessment. Teachers will continue to draw on all assessment information available to them, when considering children's progress and planning the next steps in their learning.

What is being assessed?

Scottish National Standardised Assessments focus on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

Who is being assessed?

All children in P1, P4, P7 and S3

When will the assessments take place?

The assessments are administered to each child once within the relevant school year. Individual teachers and schools with guidance from Fife Council, will decide on the most appropriate time during the school year for your child to take the standardised assessments.

How many times will your child take assessments in a school session?

P1 children will take two SNSA assessments – one literacy and one numeracy

P4 children will take three assessments – one reading, one writing and one numeracy

P7 children will take three assessments – one reading, one writing and one numeracy

S3 children will take three assessments – one reading, one writing and one

How will the assessments take place?

Assessments are completed online and are marked automatically giving teacher's immediate feedback to help children progress.

What does this mean for your child?

The assessments are used as part of routine learning and teaching to help teachers understand how well your child is progressing and to plan next steps.

The system is designed so that if a child is experiencing difficulty, the questions will get easier, and if a child is doing well, the questions will become more challenging.

The assessments are as short as possible and are age and stage appropriate.

There is no time limit, this is to ensure children do not feel under pressure when taking the assessments.

We do expect that the majority of children will complete each assessment in no more than 45 minutes. Your child will not be expected to take assessments in reading, writing and numeracy in one sitting

How will the results be used?

SNSA data provides additional information to the teacher regarding how your child is progressing in school. Teachers will use this information, alongside a wide range of other assessment information to plan appropriate next steps in learning for your child. This will assist the teacher to help your child further.

How can you help?

You have a key role to play in helping your child to progress in their learning. Teachers will keep you informed about how your child is progressing. Talk to your child's teacher if you have concerns about their learning or assessment. Ask for information on how you can support your child's learning at home.

Testing will be carried out within our Maths faculty during timetabled lessons. Should you have any further questions regarding these assessments, please contact Mr Lowrie (Depute Headteacher).