
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Education (National Curriculum) (Assessment Arrangements for English, Mathematics and Science) (Key Stage 1) Order 1991

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Education (National Curriculum) (Assessment Arrangements for English, Mathematics and Science) (Key Stage 1) Order 1991 and shall come into force on 1st August 1991.

(2) The Education (National Curriculum) (Assessment Arrangements for English, Mathematics and Science) Order 1990(1) is revoked.

(3) This Order applies to maintained schools in England only.

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the associated documents” means the documents published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office entitled “English in the National Curriculum”(2), “Mathematics in the National Curriculum”(3) and “Science in the National Curriculum”(4) (which documents have effect by virtue of the section 4(2)(a) and (b) orders);

“the core subjects” means English, mathematics and science;

“maintained school” has the meaning assigned to it by section 25(1) of the Education Reform Act 1988;

“profile components” means the attainment target and the groupings of attainment targets in the core subjects specified in the Schedule hereto;

“SATs” means standard assessment tasks for the purpose of assessing the levels of attainment pupils have achieved in attainment targets in the core subjects, being tests laid down in provisions made by the Secretary of State under article 11 which have been published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office;

“SEAC” means the School Examinations and Assessment Council;

“the section 4(2)(a) and (b) orders” means the Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in English) Order 1989(5), the Education (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Mathematics) Order 1989(6) and the Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Science) Order 1989(7);

“specified” means specified in relation to the first key stage by a section 4(2)(a) and (b) order;

(1) [S.I. 1990/1543](#).

(2) ISBN 0 11 270682 7.

(3) ISBN 0 11 270666 5.

(4) ISBN 0 11 270667 3.

(5) [S.I. 1989/907](#).

(6) [S.I. 1989/308](#).

(7) [S.I. 1989/309](#).

“spring term” and “summer term” mean the second and third terms respectively in a school year;

references to the first key stage are references to the period set out in paragraph (a) of section 3(3) of the Education Reform Act 1988; and

references to levels of attainment, attainment targets and programmes of study are references to the levels, targets and programmes set out in the associated documents.

(2) In this Order unless the context otherwise requires any reference to a numbered article is a reference to the article in this Order so numbered and any reference to a numbered paragraph is a reference to the paragraph so numbered in the article in which the reference appears.

3. The provisions of this Order apply in respect of pupils in the final year of the first key stage, and shall come into force on 1st August 1991.

Method of assessment

4.—(1) Each pupil shall be assessed by a teacher during the summer term in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(2) The purpose of the assessment shall be to determine the level of attainment achieved by the pupil in relation to each attainment target specified for the subject which applies to him.

(3) The teacher shall not later than the end of the first half of the summer term mentioned in paragraph (1) assess the pupil and record the results of the assessment.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the record of the results shall consist of a statement of each level of attainment achieved by the pupil in relation to every attainment target mentioned in paragraph (2).

(5) Where it appears to the teacher that the pupil’s level of attainment in any attainment target is higher than level 3, but the teacher is unable to state that level in reliance on his assessment of the pupil under this article, the pupil shall be recorded as having achieved level 3.

(6) In making an assessment of a pupil pursuant to this article a teacher may take into account the results of any previous assessment of the pupil (whether or not made by that teacher), including any SAT assessment.

Standard task assessment

5.—(1) Subject to article 10 each pupil shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of this article, and such an assessment shall be known as a “SAT assessment”.

(2) SATs shall be administered to the pupil during the second half of the spring term and the first half of the summer term in accordance with the provisions of the document in which they are published.

(3) An assessment based on the pupil’s performance in each SAT shall be made, and the result thereof recorded, not later than the end of the first half of the summer term.

(4) The record of the results shall consist of a statement of each level of attainment achieved by the pupil in relation to each relevant attainment target.

(5) In paragraph (4) “relevant attainment target” means any attainment target in which the SATs enable achievement to be assessed.

(6) For the purposes of article 4 and this article any period of half-term holiday in the summer term shall be treated as part of that term.

Determination of level of attainment by assessments

6.—(1) Subject to article 10 the provisions of this article regulate the application of the results of teacher and SAT assessments in order to determine a pupil’s level of attainment in each attainment target for the purposes of article 7.

- (a) (2) (a) Where the results of the teacher assessment and the SAT assessment are the same, the level of attainment determined by those assessments shall be the level for the purposes of article 7;
- (b) where the SAT does not enable achievement to be assessed in relation to any attainment target, the level of attainment determined by the teacher assessment shall be the level for the purposes of article 7;
- (c) where the results of the teacher assessment and the SAT assessment are different, subject to paragraph (3) the level of attainment determined by the SAT assessment shall be the level for the purposes of article 7.

(3) If, in the circumstances to which paragraph (2)(c) applies, the application of the level of attainment determined by the teacher assessment in accordance with article 7 would produce a different profile component level from that which such an application of the level determined by the SAT assessment would produce, the level of attainment determined by the teacher assessment shall, if the local education authority (in the case of a school which the authority maintain) or SEAC (in the case of a grant-maintained school) determine that it represents the more accurate assessment of the pupil’s achievements, be the level for the purposes of article 7.

Determination of attainment by profile component

7.—(1) Subject to article 9 the provisions of this article regulate the determination of profile component levels.

(2) Where a profile component consists of a single attainment target, the level of attainment for that target shall be the pupil’s level of that profile component.

(3) Where a profile component consists of four or more attainment targets, the level for that component shall be the highest level attained or exceeded by the pupil in not less than half of the attainment targets.

(4) In the case of the writing profile component in English (which consists of three attainment targets: writing, spelling and handwriting), the level for that component shall, subject to paragraph (5), be the average of the levels attained by the pupil in the three attainment targets.

(5) For the purpose of calculating the average level referred to in paragraph (4)—

- (a) the attainment levels shall be weighted by the following factors:

writing	7
spelling	2
handwriting	1; and

- (b) where the average is not a whole number it shall be rounded to the nearest whole number, the fraction of one half being rounded upwards to the next whole number.

Determination of attainment by subject

8.—(1) Subject to article 9 the provisions of this article regulate the aggregation of profile component levels of attainment to determine subject levels of attainment.

(2) In each core subject, a pupil's level of attainment shall be the average of the profile component levels of attainment in that subject, calculated in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4).

- (a) (3) (a) where the average number is not a whole number, it shall be rounded to the nearest whole number;
- (b) where the average number contains the fraction of one half, it shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- (a) (4) (a) in the case of English and science, each profile component shall be weighted equally;
- (b) in the case of mathematics, the profile components shall be weighted by the following factors:

number, algebra and measures	3
shape and space and data handling	2.

(5) The results of the application of the provisions of this article and of articles 6 and 7 in relation to a pupil shall be recorded in a statement consisting of his level of attainment in each core subject and each attainment target and profile component in each such subject.

Pupils not subject to provisions of the National Curriculum

9.—(1) Articles 7 and 8 shall have effect in relation to pupils in maintained schools as respects whom provisions of the National Curriculum do not apply (including pupils with statements of special educational needs) with the modifications specified in this article.

(2) Where one third or fewer of the attainment targets in a profile component do not apply to such a pupil, article 7 shall have effect as if the number of attainment targets applying to the pupil were the total number of attainment targets in that profile component.

(3) Where more than one third of the attainment targets in a profile component do not apply to such a pupil, article 7 shall not apply for the purpose of determining the pupil's profile component level of attainment.

(4) Where by virtue of paragraph (3) one or more profile component levels of attainment cannot be determined, paragraphs (1)—(4) of article 8 shall not apply.

(5) If the writing attainment target of the writing profile component in English does not apply to a pupil, articles 7 and 8 shall not apply for the purpose of determining a subject level of attainment in English.

(6) Article 8(5) shall apply in respect of all levels of attainment in attainment targets, profile components and core subjects which have been assessed in relation to the pupil.

Pupil's absence — incomplete SATs

10.—(1) Where a pupil is unable to complete a SAT due to his absence from school (whether because of illness or for any other reason)—

- (a) if in the opinion of his head teacher he has done sufficient work on the SAT to enable an assessment of his level of attainment in any attainment targets to be made, any such assessment shall be treated as an assessment made in pursuance of article 5;
- (b) if in the opinion of his head teacher he has not done sufficient work as aforesaid, the levels of attainment determined by the teacher assessment shall be the levels for the purposes of article 7 unless the local education authority (in the case of a pupil at a school which the authority maintain) or SEAC (in the case of a pupil at a grant-maintained school) disagree,

in which case the levels of attainment shall be such as the local education authority or SEAC determine by reference to the work the pupil has done on the SAT in question.

(2) The head teacher shall notify the local education authority or SEAC (as the case may be) of any case such as is mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) and furnish to it such information as it may reasonably require for the purpose of exercising its functions under that sub-paragraph.

Supplementary powers of the Secretary of State

11. The Secretary of State may make such provisions giving full effect to or otherwise supplementing the provisions made by this Order as appear to him to be expedient, including in particular provisions as to standard assessment tasks for the purpose mentioned in the definition of “SATs” in article 2(1) and as to their administration to pupils.