

Guide to Assessment and Testing- Introduction

Lots of schools use tests at all stages of their work. For the most part, these are part of a normal classroom routine, and support teachers' assessment. However, at certain stages of schooling there are also national tests which must be taken by all children in state schools in England. Often informally known as 'SATs', the National Curriculum Tests are compulsory for children at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. Children in these year groups will undertake tests in Reading, Mathematics, and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling. In Year 6 the tests will be sent away for marking, and results will be reported to schools and parents at the end of the year. The new National Curriculum Tests for children in Year 2 and Year 6 will take place each summer from 2016. Where previously these tests - and other teacher assessments - were graded in levels (normally numbering between Level 1 and Level 6 in primary school), from 2016 the tests will be reported as a scaled score, with a score of 100 representing the expected standard for each age group. It will be up to teachers and schools to decide how to measure attainment in the intervening years. Here at Our Lady of the Wayside School we have developed our own system in line with systems developed by Solihull Local Authority. Every term you will receive a pupil report card for your child. This will provide information relating to their current attainment and their effort and attitudes. Please click on the pupil report card link for further information.