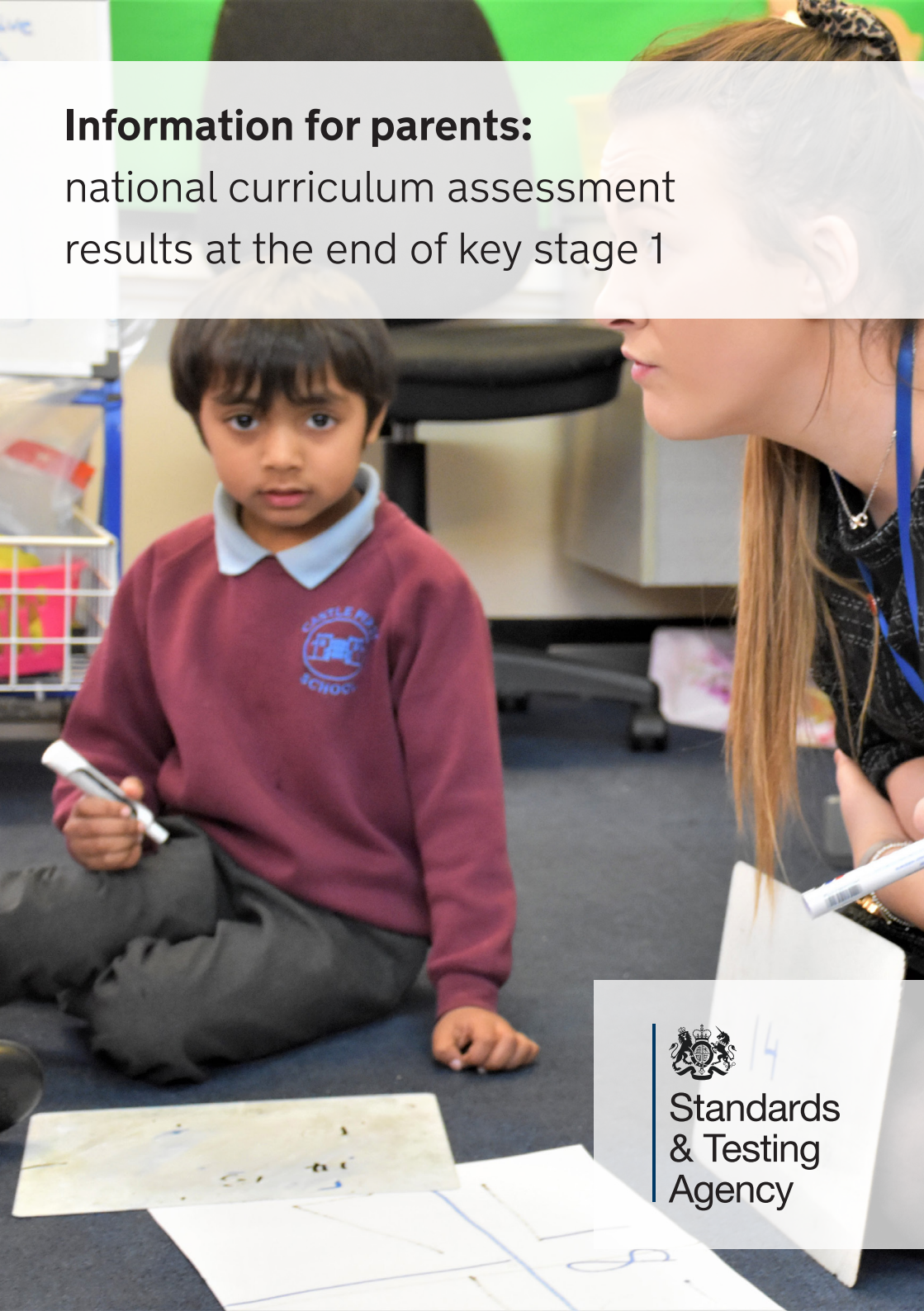
Information for parents:
national curriculum assessment results at the end of key stage 1



Standards & Testing Agency

Key stage 1 tests – year 2 pupils

Do you have a child in year 2 at primary school?

If so, they will have taken the key stage 1 (KS1) national curriculum tests, also known as SATs, in May.[1]

Your child's teacher will use the results of these tests, along with evidence they have seen in the classroom, to make a judgement about your child's progress and attainment. This overall picture is called a teacher assessment judgement.

What information will I receive?

Your child's teacher will report their teacher assessment judgements to you by the end of the summer term. You'll receive judgements for your child in:

- English reading
- English writing
- mathematics
- science

If your child is working below the overall standard of the key stage, or they have special educational needs, reporting will be different. You should speak to your child's teacher for more information.

How will the information be used?

As your child moves into year 3, the teacher assessment judgements will help schools to identify if your child needs further support to reach their full potential.

The Department for Education (DfE) publishes statistics on KS1 results at a national level, but your child's individual results, for both tests and teacher assessment judgements, will not be published by either your child's school or the DfE.

KS1 data will also be used again at the end of key stage 2 to measure the school's progress.

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1. There are some exceptions where pupils will not take the tests, as specified in the 2019 Key stage 1 assessment and reporting arrangements.

Teacher assessment judgements

When making their teacher assessment judgements, teachers will assess your child's work against a clearly defined framework.

For English reading, English writing and mathematics, each judgement reports if a pupil is:

- working towards the expected standard
- working at the expected standard
- working at greater depth within the expected standard

For science, the judgement will only report if a pupil is working at the expected standard.

Key stage 1 test results

Some schools may choose to report test results to parents, alongside the overall teacher assessment judgements. If your child's school does not report KS1 test results alongside the teacher assessment judgements, you can request to see them.

You may receive test results in mathematics and English reading, and if your child has taken the optional test, English spelling, punctuation and grammar. There is no KS1 test for science, so you will not receive a test result for this subject.

Your child's marks in each test are converted into a scaled score for that particular subject. At KS1 the range of scaled scores is 85 to 115.

A scaled score:

- below 100 means that your child may need more support to help them reach the expected standard
- of 100 or more means that your child is working at, or above, the expected standard for the key stage

Do not worry if your child is not working at the expected standard.

It is important to remember that these results will help teachers identify where your child may need extra help. If you have any questions about your child's results and what support they might need, you should speak to their teacher.

Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about teacher assessment judgements and the KS1 tests.

For more details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.

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