



Information for parents Pupils participating in the 2018 science sampling tests

Science tests for key stage 2 pupils

This information is for parents of children selected to take part in this year's science sampling tests.

Unlike the other national curriculum tests (commonly called SATs), which most children in year 6 take in mathematics and English, we only test a representative number of children in science every 2 years. Only 5 children from each selected school will sit the tests.

The science tests provide a picture of the national level of performance. They are not a test of individual children or schools, and neither parents nor schools will receive any results. Information on the outcomes of the 2016 science tests can be accessed on GOV.UK.

The test date

Selected children will take the tests on a single day during the testing period, which is arranged with the school, between Monday 4 June to Friday 15 June 2018.

Preparing for the test

Parents do not need to help prepare children for the science tests, and there is no need to complete additional work. The school will have ensured that each child is ready to take the tests. However, to understand the format or nature of the tests, parents can review the materials used for the 2016 sample tests on GOV.UK.

Further information

Schools will be able to answer any questions about the science sampling tests.

For more details, visit the [science sampling page](#) or search 'key stage 2 science sampling tests' on GOV.UK. For information on how personal data is used during the science sampling, visit www.nfer.ac.uk/schools/taking-part-in-our-research/ssci/.

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