

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000819
Date 25 January 2017

Key Stage 2 Moderation

Request:

Please can you tell me how many schools you visited in order to moderate KS2 writing in 2016?

We visited 73 schools and academies and 36 schools and academies for KS2 writing were moderated.

Please can you tell me how many schools appealed against the moderator's decision in 2016?

There were no appeals made by moderated schools in the timeframe stated. We ensure all of our moderators (in 2016 there were 8 moderators in place) have a professional dialogue with all schools involved to ensure full understanding of the moderation process throughout. If an appeal were to be logged then we have an effective system in place that clearly follows statutory guidelines (see below).

WOLVERHAMPTON'S APPEALS PROCEDURE

If you do not agree with the Moderator's judgement you are able to appeal against the decision.

Therefore, in all instances, where you do not agree the outcome of moderation the moderator will ask you to make photocopies of the work that was considered. This is because all appeals must be based on the work presented to the moderator, on the day.

An appeal should be made to Jo Horlock, (Assessment and NQT Advisor for Wolverhampton LA). This appeal should be made within 5 working days of the moderation visit. **You should state what your concerns are, where you disagree with the Moderator's judgement/s and explain why.**

The Headteacher can then expect to be contacted by the Assessment and NQT Advisor within 3 working days to identify next steps and agree a date for the appeal to be completed.

The evidence that was used for the initial moderation visit will be referred to a panel made up of the Assessment & NQT Advisor, an experienced KS2 Moderator, a Headteacher with moderation experience of KS2 and an independent LA officer from a neighbouring LA who will re-moderate the sample. The outcomes of the appeal will be either:

- FULLY uphold Moderator findings
- Uphold Moderator findings in PART
- REJECT Moderator findings

The Headteacher or senior leader making the appeal and the teachers concerned will also be invited to attend this meeting. A new moderation form will be completed during this meeting. The final decision of the panel will stand and **the school must report the final assessment as agreed.**

You may be required to reconsider your teacher assessment decisions and to have them re-moderated by your colleagues. The LA is provided with the opportunity to substitute their assessment for that of the school where the moderation judgements continue to differ after the steps outlined above have been taken.

If a school appealed, please can you tell me how many pupils' results were appealed against?

N/A

What judgement was disputed in each of these appeals? (ie. school said working at greater depth but lea said working at expected standard. Or school said working at expected standard but lea said working towards expected standard).

N/A

Please can you tell me the outcome of these appeals (the school decision stands, the local authority decision stands, the appeal was escalated to a third moderator).

N/A

Do you have a third moderator in place?

N/A

If so, how many teacher assessments of pupils writing did the third moderator make a judgement on?

N/A

What was the outcome of these judgements?

N/A