



Response to Request for Information

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NEW ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK FOR ALL SUBJECTS

Request:

In light of the introduction of a new curriculum and removal of levels for the assessment has the Authority provided schools with a new assessment framework? If so, could you please provide me with a copy of the new assessment framework for all subjects at all phases.

If a new framework has not been provided, what guidance is the Authority currently giving schools to support them in implementing a new assessment framework?

Does the Local Authority currently have any partnerships/preferred suppliers for assessment solutions in schools?

Response:

The Local authority has not published an assessment framework as yet. However, in light of this request we are now considering that this would be good practice and so will aim to prepare one for circulation within the authority at towards the end of the summer term.

With regards to our support for EYFS:

- a. Baseline assessment:
 - All schools have been encouraged to choose a supplier of baseline assessment and to sign up.
 - The LA has NOT recommended a single supplier as we have a wide variety of different settings in the city all with children from a wide variety of backgrounds, with respect to both socioeconomic and ethnicity and so each school will have very different needs and different approaches and pedagogies to address them. Therefore, a single provider would necessarily suit every setting or situation.
 - All schools have been supported in making a comparison of baseline providers through the circulation of comparison materials produced largely by members of AAIA. Discussion time has also been allocated at assessment coordinators meetings.
- b. EYFSP

- Training has been put in place for all new practitioners to ensure a consistent standard when making the assessment
- Update training and sharing of best practice has been put in place for all experienced practitioners
- A network has been established to support all EYFS practitioners and share best practice
- The LA will continue to support the assessment of the EYFSP in 2015-16 through offering training and moderation

With regards to KS1 and KS2:

- New assessment materials have been reviewed at meetings alongside the new curriculum to identify the key elements of each key stage performance descriptor.
- Schools have been encouraged to download the glossary of terms for each subject area and cross reference them to their new curriculum to ensure full coverage in each year of study.
- As soon as exemplification materials are published all schools will be given the opportunity to meet to identify the elements of each performance descriptor and start to moderate for mastery across the Local Authority.
- During the autumn term we will aim to offer a cross LA moderation session for securing judgements (based on the new exemplification materials) – all practitioners will be invited to attend these sessions.
- All schools that have attended assessment coordinators briefings and Head Teacher assessment updates have had opportunity to consider the STAT Sheffield materials and identify their strengths so that they can compare any other systems they are considering with these points in mind.

In response to your final question the Local Authority does not currently have any partnerships/preferred suppliers for assessment solutions in schools. However, they have raised the awareness of STAT Sheffield materials.