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| **Information: cancellation of**2019/20**national curriculum assessments**[The Secretary of State for Education announced](https://www.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8088a92c9c7454749d4a06114&id=af1e41353d&e=3bd583ae55) yesterday, Wednesday 18 March, that the 2019/20 national curriculum assessments will not take place due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.This means the following assessments planned between April and July 2020 are cancelled: * end of key stage 1 and key stage 2 assessments (including tests and teacher assessment)
* phonics screening check
* multiplication tables check
* science sampling tests
* all statutory trialling

You do not need to complete any further activities to prepare for these assessments.Primary school performance measures will not be published for the 2019/20 academic year. |

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| **Reminder: Department for Education (DfE) COVID-19 (Coronavirus) helpline**DfE has launched a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:Phone: 0800 046 8687Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.ukOpening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and weekends from 10am to 4pmThe [latest guidance for education settings](https://www.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8088a92c9c7454749d4a06114&id=fd5e81ae78&e=3bd583ae55) is available on [GOV.UK](http://gov.uk/). |

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| **Standards and Testing Agency**Tel: 0300 303 3013 (Monday-Friday 8.30am-5pm)Email: **assessments@education.gov.uk**Web: [**http://www.gov.uk/sta**](https://www.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8088a92c9c7454749d4a06114&id=996e9b509d&e=3bd583ae55) |

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