

Primary statutory assessment service and moderation (KS1 & KS2)

Package for academies, free
schools and participating
independent schools

2024-25



The Education People, on behalf of Kent County Council is able to provide academies, free schools and participating independent schools with support in all aspects of the assessment processes at Key Stage 1 [phonics] and Key Stage 2, helping to ensure that all statutory requirements are fully met.

The information provided here details the range of assessment and moderation support available.

Academies and free schools

All academies and free schools are required to comply with national assessment arrangements as part of their funding agreement. This includes monitoring of tests and moderation of teacher assessments. Academies and free schools have a statutory obligation to select a service provider for the phonics screening check and Key Stage 2 monitoring and moderation activities, and to have a written agreement in place. If a school becomes an academy on or after the 2 September 2024, they will be part of their geographical LA's arrangements.

Independent schools

Participating independent schools must also follow STA guidance and will be subject to the same STA quality assurance and maladministration processes as maintained schools and academies. Participating independent schools that wish to publish and compare their national curriculum assessment results with local/national data must have a written agreement in place with the LA that will complete external moderation of their KS2 writing teacher assessment and report this information to the STA. If an independent school chooses to participate in one or more of the KS2 tests, these will be included in the national summary of results. An independent school can only claim that its results are comparable with national or local results if it has taken part in the LA external moderation process. Please note that independent schools can't formally administer the phonics screening check and therefore would not receive an unannounced phonics monitoring visit.

Statutory assessment service package

In order to select Kent as your statutory assessment provider you must purchase the Statutory Assessment Service Package for the academic year 2024-2025 via this [LINK](#).

The Service Package includes:

- E-mail and telephone access to a team of advisers able to give advice relating to assessment including teacher assessment and statutory testing
- Regular newsletter updates with:
 - Advice on the Phonics Screening Check (where applicable)
 - Advice on the security and delivery of optional KS1 and statutory KS2 tests
 - Advice on access arrangements
 - Advice on statutory end of key stage teacher assessment
- Access to three assessment network meetings for school assessment leaders
- **Annual cost: £130.00 (ex VAT)**

Monitoring visits

Local Authorities must carry out unannounced monitoring visits for the SATs tests and Phonics Screening Checks. Schools who are selected to receive a Phonics Screening Check or SATs monitoring visit will be charged the price below. Please note, these visits will be unannounced, and an invoice will be sent shortly after the visit.

These visits can be carried out before, during or after the delivery windows. Depending on the size of the school these visits might involve more than one LA representative.

The Education People advisers will look for evidence that the school is following the published guidance on:

- keeping check/test materials secure
- administering the check/tests
- scoring the phonics check.

If schools receive a monitoring visit, they must allow visitors to:

- see all materials and any relevant delivery notes
- observe any checks/tests being administered
- see copies of correspondence and other documents sent to, and received from, the LA or STA about the administration of the check/tests.

SATs monitoring visit cost: £380.00 (ex VAT)

Phonics screening check visit cost: £380.00 (ex VAT)

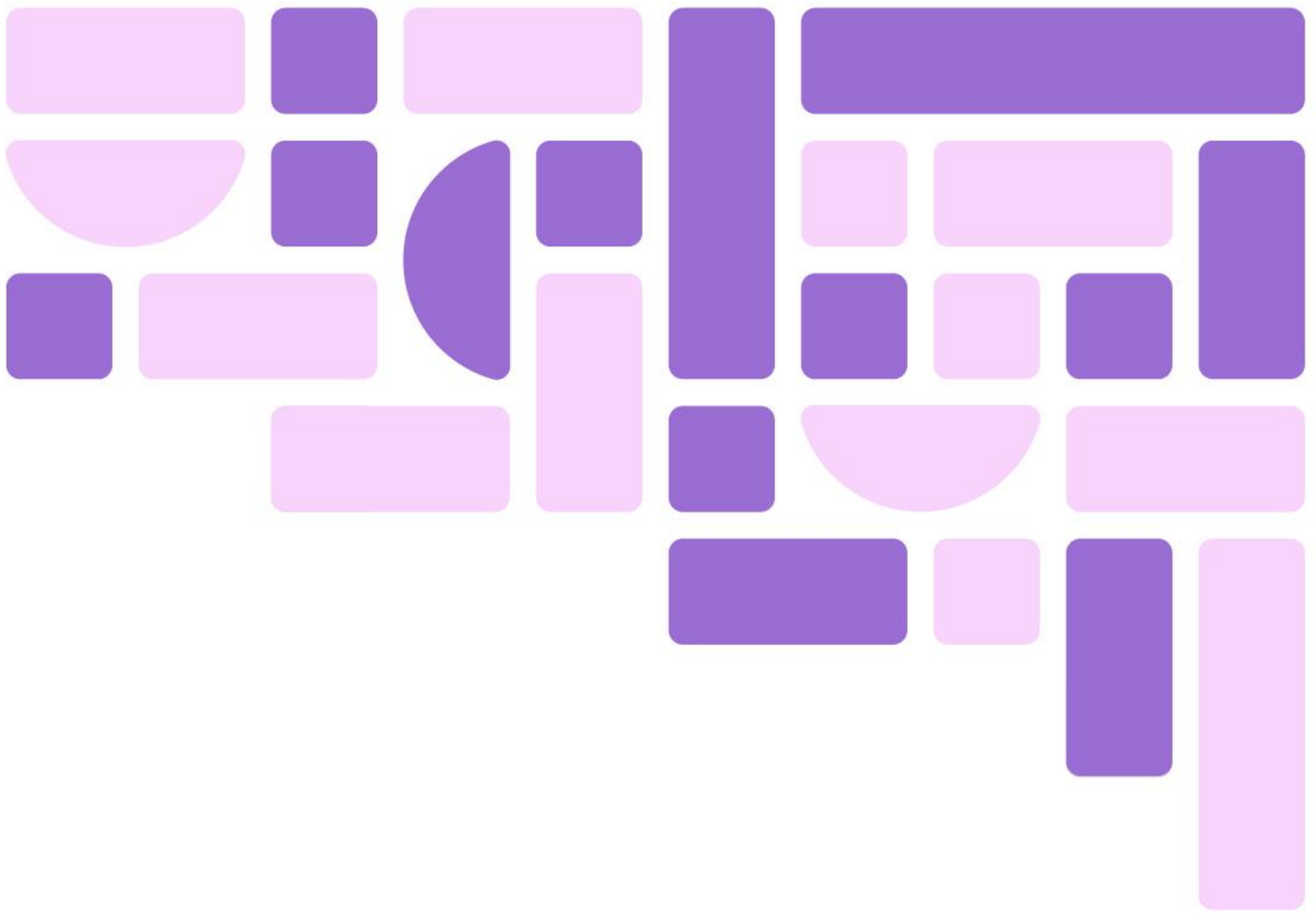
Key Stage 2 moderation visits

In the event of selection for a Key Stage 2 moderation visit in June 2025 there is an additional charge depending on the size of the Year 6 cohort. LAs are required to give schools 48 hours' notice of moderation visits. In practice, we aim to give at least two weeks' notice. An invoice will be sent once visits are completed.

- During a KS2 moderation visit, a sample of at least 15% of the school's Year 6 pupils, or a minimum of five pupils (whichever is greater), will be considered to represent the school's end-of-key-stage writing judgements.
- Most visits last approximately 3 hours but some visits will be longer than this.
- The number of moderators visiting will depend on the size of the cohort and you will be informed of this, along with timings, ahead of the visit.
- There is no additional charge for re-moderation submission or appeals (if required).

The costs for KS2 moderation are:

Cohort size	Charge
1-53	£400.00
54-107	£800.00
108-161	£1,200.00



Thank you

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