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**Primary Assessment and Moderation Briefing Paper 2020/21**

**November 2020**

*Please forward this on to school assessment leads*

1. **Overview**

All schools have received confirmation from the STA that the statutory assessment and moderation is going ahead for 2020/21. We are [waiting for STA guidance](https://mailchi.mp/education.gov.uk/stakeholder-update-3-november-2020?e=6e8588f3c1) to be released for this year and expect some changes in the way moderation visits are undertaken (due to the current restrictions). As soon as the STA release information we will issue another briefing paper to explain any changes. In the meantime, schools should continue to use last year’s guidance for local assessment planning.

LA moderators that successfully qualified in 2019/20 are authorised to moderate this year and no STA re-training is required. However, the LA has decided to fund refresher training for approved moderators for assurance that schools are moderated fairly in accordance with guidance.

1. **Training**

Teachers from Hillingdon schools are invited to attend the following virtual LA briefing sessions without pre-registering. These will be undertaken via **MS Teams**.

**New to Year 2 / Year 6 briefing sessions**

Thursday 19th November 2020

* 9.00 - 10.00 - New to Year 2 teachers briefing session –

[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWM3ODdjM2ItNTY0OS00NWUwLWExODktYTVjNDk2OGE1MzAx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22aaacb679-c381-48fb-b320-f9d581ee948f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229319772e-9fce-4b1c-afa7-7d73aef52944%22%7d)

* 10.00 - 11.00 - New to Year 6 teachers briefing session –

[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjMyODRmZTgtZWEyMi00OTEwLWI0NzMtYzRhNDk2MjI3MzEy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22aaacb679-c381-48fb-b320-f9d581ee948f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229319772e-9fce-4b1c-afa7-7d73aef52944%22%7d)

**Suitable for:** teachers that have recently joined Year 2 or Year 6.

**Content:** introduction to assessment and moderation requirements.

**Preparation:** have access to a copy of the [KS1 TAF](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1) or [KS2 TAF](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-2).

**KS1 & KS2 LA Assessment and Moderation Briefing Session 1**

Friday 27th November 2020

* 09.00 -10.30 - KS1 writing briefing session for all Y2 teachers –

[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWMwZjljNmQtMTM1Ny00MzJlLWFlOTUtNmUxZWY1NDZiYjcz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22aaacb679-c381-48fb-b320-f9d581ee948f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229319772e-9fce-4b1c-afa7-7d73aef52944%22%7d)

* 11.00 -12.30 - KS2 writing briefing session for all Y6 teachers –

[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWEwZTgxMjYtNWVlOS00YzJjLTliNGEtMDBkNzY4ZmE0MTY5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22aaacb679-c381-48fb-b320-f9d581ee948f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229319772e-9fce-4b1c-afa7-7d73aef52944%22%7d)

**Suitable for:** all Year 2 and Year 6 teachers.

**Content:** STA 2020/21 guidance and requirements for writing.

**Preparation:** have access to a copy of the [KS1 TAF](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1) or [KS2 TAF](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-2).

**KS1 & KS2 LA Assessment and Moderation Briefing Session 2**

Thursday 25th February 2020

* 09.00 -10.30 - KS1 writing briefing session for all Y2 teachers –

[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmQwZTU1NTYtZGU1MC00ODI5LTg1NWEtY2RlYTU2NzY1M2E2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22aaacb679-c381-48fb-b320-f9d581ee948f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229319772e-9fce-4b1c-afa7-7d73aef52944%22%7d)

* 11.00 -12.30 - KS2 writing briefing session for all Y6 teachers –

[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTU5ZThhZTAtN2Y5Ni00YmY5LWJjODAtODRkMjljN2Q3NDM5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22aaacb679-c381-48fb-b320-f9d581ee948f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229319772e-9fce-4b1c-afa7-7d73aef52944%22%7d)

**Suitable for:** all Year 2 and Year 6 teachers.

**Content:** refresher STA 2020/21 guidance and requirements for writing. This second briefing session will be similar to the first one and teachers are welcome to attend both sessions to embed their understanding. Teachers don’t need to attend the first session in order to attend the second session.

**Preparation:** have access to a copy of the [KS1 TAF](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1) or [KS2 TAF](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-2).

*We understand that the briefing session dates and times are not always suitable for some teachers however these are scheduled based on resource availability. For teachers that cannot attend, the presentation used at the sessions will be shared after the event.*

1. **Academy schools selecting the LA as their moderation partner**

All academy schools are required to confirm their LA moderation partner on the Primary Assessment Gateway. If academy schools would like to continue with the LA for another year, then they should email: [schoolimprovementadmin@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolimprovementadmin@hillingdon.gov.uk) before 20th November 2020, confirming which key stages are required. This will trigger an annual confirmation letter with recharging details (no change from 2019/20).

1. **Phonics screening check to Year 2 pupils**

**Schools are reminded that for** the 2020/21 academic year only, it is statutory for schools to [administer a past version of the phonics screening check](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-administering-the-phonics-screening-check-to-year-2-pupils) to Year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2020 autumn term and **return results to the LA by 18th December 2020.**

The LA is not required to undertake the usual 10% monitoring checks this autumn term.

1. **LA Support**

If you have any queries regarding assessment and moderation or require further support, please email [schoolimprovementadmin@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolimprovementadmin@hillingdon.gov.uk) who will redirect your email to the appropriate lead officer in the assessment and moderation team.

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