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*Thursday 16th February*

Dear parents/carers,

We have been selected at random to take part in a pilot Reading assessment. The assessment is for children in Year 2 and many other schools across the country will also be taking part in the project in April. Like with all assessments, we will deliver these to our children in a supportive way. We always aim to ensure that our children understand that tests are nothing to worry about and all we ask is that they try their best.

I have attached the formal letter (on a new page below) that we have received from The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) on behalf of Standards and Testing Agency (STA).

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Trialling key stage 1 national curriculum assessment materials**

We are writing to let you know that your child's school will be trialling national curriculum assessment materials for key stage 1. The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) is doing this work for the Standards and Testing Agency (STA), which is part of the Department for Education. This trial plays a critical role in developing tests that accurately measure pupils' attainment and progress.

Pupils will complete these assessments on a set date during the period 17 to 28 April 2023.

**This project is confidential so no report of this work will identify any school or pupil that participates.** The aim of this exercise is only to trial the test and not the pupils. Pupils' background data will be collected from and confirmed with the school and will be used by STA in their analysis of the trial. The privacy notice [https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/5197/stcxy\\_parent\\_privacy\\_notice.pdf](https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/5197/stcxy_parent_privacy_notice.pdf) sets out how we comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to ensure pupil data is securely processed. As these are tests in the development stage, schools do not receive results from these assessments. Pupils will receive a certificate and a pencil to thank them for their help in this trial.

Further information about these trials is available on our website [www.nfer.ac.uk/for-schools/participate-in-research/technical-pre-tests-of-key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-materials/](http://www.nfer.ac.uk/for-schools/participate-in-research/technical-pre-tests-of-key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-materials/) . If you have any remaining questions then please email us at [STCX@nfer.ac.uk](mailto:STCX@nfer.ac.uk) and we will be happy to answer any queries you might have.

Yours faithfully

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