Assessment Without Levels (AWOL)

KS1 and KS2

Why change?

The new assessment measures have been introduced in order to reflect the new curriculum.

Levels were deemed to be unreliable due to:

- End of Key Stage levels being 'vague and imprecise'
- Too narrow a focus on getting pupils over grade boundaries
- Focusing on accelerating pupils through the curriculum to make progress resulted in gaps in knowledge
- ▶ In some schools, leading to undependable data

"Changing the culture of levels ... is key to raising standards by enriching learning and pupil motivation."

(Report into Assessment Without Levels, 2015)

How will I know where my child is?

At the end of a Key Stage, teachers will make a judgement about whether a child has reached the expected standard for their age.

Where test scores are available teachers will simply judge whether a child has reached the expected standard or not.

In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Writing, the children will be judged against the following criteria:

- working towards the expected standard
- working at the expected standard
- working at greater depth within the expected standard.

All children work towards a Programme of Study.

This is a series of statements based on the national curriculum, that outline what a child should achieve at the end of a given academic year.

The focus is on working within this Programme of Study and not moving on to the statements for the next year group. This enables teachers to ensure children have a firm grasp and deep understanding of concepts before moving on.

For each statement children will be assessed against three criteria.

- The child is emerging in their understanding of the concept
 May still need support in this
- ► The child is developed in their understanding of the concept
 - Can complete tasks independently
- The child has secured their understanding of the concept
 - Can complete tasks out of context

As concepts are taught, revisited and assessed teachers will make termly judgements about children's progress towards these statements.

Children should reached the developed level in each statement to be working at age-related expectations.

From Years 1 -6, these are tracked on a regular basis using sheets in the pupils books.









As the year progress, teachers will mark each statement with one, two or three ticks depending on the pupils' understanding of the concept.

By the end of the year, it will be clearly show the progress your child has made and highlight any areas of weakness to be worked on.

A judgement will then be made on if a child is working at the age-related expectation.

Scaled Scores in Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

KS1 and KS2

Scaled Scores

Scaled scores are used all over the world in order to help test results to be reported consistently from one year to the next.

National Curriculum tests are designed to be as similar as possible year on year, but slight differences in difficulty will occur between years.

The same scaled score on two different tests will have demonstrated the same attainment.

On this scale 100 will always represent the 'national standard'. However, the 'raw score' that equates to 100 might be different each year.

These will be reported at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.