

## **For the Attention of the Principal**

### **COMPUTER BASED ASSESSMENT (CBA): OPERATION OF NILA AND NINA IN AUTUMN 2016**

Since the introduction of NILA and NINA assessments in 2012, CCEA has worked with both assessment providers to improve both CBAs to best meet school needs.

During the 2015 autumn term:

- 233 primary schools administered CBAs
- 20,149 NILA assessments were completed
- 20,103 NINA assessments were completed
- 363 Irish Medium NILA assessments were completed
- 368 Irish Medium NINA assessments were completed

Participant schools reported increasing confidence in the educational value of the assessments, with all schools that attended feedback sessions (86) stating that they plan to use them again, if available.

All primary schools are now invited to register their interest in participating in a further voluntary CBA programme in autumn 2016 and the Minister would like to encourage as many schools as possible to consider taking part. If you feel that your school might wish to use NINA/NILA in 2016 and would like to register (on a no-commitment basis), please e-mail [cba@ccea.org.uk](mailto:cba@ccea.org.uk) or telephone: (028) 90 261274. Responses by 15 April would be greatly appreciated.

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