

Circular S/IF/35/19

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To: Principals of Post-primary Schools (including Independent and Special Schools)

For circulation to: Key Stage 3 Assessment Co-ordinator and C2k Co-ordinator

Assessment Arrangements at Key Stage 3: 2018/2019

Electronic Submission of Pupil Information and Levels

As part of the end-of-Key Stage assessment arrangements, we would ask all schools who intend to meet the requirements, to provide assessment outcomes via CCEA relating to Communication (English - and Irish as appropriate in Irish-medium schools and units); Using Mathematics; and Using ICT at the end of Key Stage 3. The details should be submitted electronically in an EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) file. You should be assured that neither DE, ETI nor any other part of the education system will use end of key stage data in isolation and DE will not hold key stage assessment data identifiable at school level.

Is there any guidance available to schools?

Guidance on generating files and transferring the pupil data and levels to CCEA has been provided by C2k and is available on C2k Exchange (www.c2kexchange.net). The document is entitled *Assessment - KS3 Levels of Progression 2018-19*. An entry file is not required. All pupil details will be part of the file created to submit levels. It is advisable for schools to familiarise themselves with this document in advance of the final date (24 May) for submitting the file.

What are the requirements?

Where schools intend to meet the requirements, they should submit **one** level for Communication, **one** level for Using Mathematics and **one** level for Using ICT for each pupil at end of Key Stage 3. In Irish-medium schools and units, levels for Year 10 pupils should be reported for Communication in both Irish and English.

How do schools report levels for pupils in alternative education?

If a pupil is attending a centre for alternative education provision this centre should assess the pupil in the Cross-Curricular Skills. However, the school the pupil is registered with should ensure this level is reported in their EDI outcomes file.

How do schools submit the file electronically?

Webxchange should be used to submit the file, not A2C.

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What is the final date for submission of the file?

The final date for submitting the file is **Friday 24 May 2019**.

Having problems?

If you have any technical queries regarding the electronic transfer of pupil assessment outcomes please contact the **C2k Service Desk on (087) 0601 1666**. For any general administration queries contact the **CCEA Assessment Administration Team on (028) 9026 1405**.

Is there any substitute cover available?

Substitute cover is available for teachers involved in statutory assessment. Please refer to DE circular 2019/2 for further information.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this circular please contact:

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