

The "Big Picture" of Assessment and Reporting

AIM OF ASSESSMENT	To facilitate the monitoring of standards over time in order to inform the development of policy and practice leading to better pupil outcomes				
PRINCIPLES Assessment should:	1 be complementary to, and supportive of, the key aims of the NI Curriculum	2 be fit for purpose	3 be manageable	4 be supported by teacher professional judgements that are consistent and reliable	5 be appropriate at all levels for system-wide accountability
PURPOSE	DIAGNOSTIC To identify strengths and areas for improvement and to inform next steps	FORMATIVE To use assessment information to make specific improvements in learning	SUMMATIVE To acknowledge, record and report pupils' overall performance and achievement at a point in time	EVALUATIVE To inform curriculum planning and to provide information for monitoring and accountability	
WHAT IS ASSESSED?	Pupil performance and achievement in ...	CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS (CCS) Assessment: a robust model of moderated teacher judgement	OTHER SKILLS (Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities: TSPC) Assessment: delegated to schools	AREAS OF LEARNING (AoL) Assessment: delegated to schools	
ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	FOUNDATION STAGE ASSESSMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess pupil progress in each CCS Assess pupil progress in each of the Other Skills (TS&PC) Assess pupil progress in each AoL REPORTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Report Parent Meetings Annual Review* 		KEY STAGE 1 & KEY STAGE 2 ASSESSMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess pupil progress in each CCS Assess pupil progress in each of the Other Skills (TS&PC) Assess pupil progress in each AoL REPORTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Report Years 4 & 7 numerical outcomes for CCS; and additional school/system information to parents Parent Meetings Annual Review* 		KEY STAGE 3 ASSESSMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess pupil progress in each CCS Assess pupil progress in each of the Other Skills (TS&PC) Assess pupil progress in each AoL REPORTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Report Year 10 numerical outcomes for CCS; and additional school/system information to parents Parent Meetings Annual Review/Transition Plans*
USING ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES TO INFORM NEXT STEPS PLANNING	AT CLASSROOM LEVEL:	What level are my pupils now?	Where do they need to be next (with an appropriate level of challenge)?	What are the best strategies to help pupils reach the 'next steps' in their learning?	
	AT CO-ORDINATOR LEVEL:	How is my area of responsibility performing, compared with recent 3 year trends?	How is my area of responsibility performing compared with other curriculum areas?	What are the priorities for improving provision within my area of responsibility?	
	AT WHOLE SCHOOL LEVEL:	How is our school performing, compared with recent 3 year trends?	How is our school performing compared with other schools in similar circumstances?	What are our whole school priorities for improving pupil outcomes, especially in Literacy and Numeracy?	