

MATCHING PUPIL AGES TO KEY STAGES, YEAR GROUPS AND NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

PHASE	Primary								Secondary					Post 16 (school sixth form or college)			
KEY STAGE (KS)	Foundation Stage		KS1		KS2				KS3			KS4		KS5			
NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS	'Teacher' assessment of the Foundation Stage Profile areas of experience		Teacher assessment of English and Maths supported by some tests and tasks		Tests and Tasks in English, Maths and Science				Tests and Tasks in English, Maths & Science			GCSE and other vocational qualifications at Levels 1 and 2		A, AS and other vocational qualifications at Levels 1, 2 and 3			
YEAR GROUP	Nursery	Reception	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	(14)	
AGE	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Notes:

There is not an exact match between the age of the pupil and the year group they are normally in, e.g. at the beginning of Year 6 the youngest pupils will only just have had their 10th birthday whereas the oldest will have just turned 11. This means that during Year 6 all pupils will have their 11th birthday (even if it occurs in the school summer holiday) and therefore all pupils entering secondary school in Year 7 will be 11 years old.

Currently Foundation Stage (FS) is part of the Primary Phase. From 2008, as part of the development of services 0 – 5, the Foundation Stage will become a phase in its own right and the Primary Phase will begin at age 5. The FS is delivered in a range of Early Years settings both in schools and in the private, voluntary and independent sector (PVI). This includes nursery and reception classes, private day nurseries, pre-schools, independent schools and child minders.

Some students spend three years in the sixth form or at college and these students will normally reintegrate into Year 13.

From Foundation Stage to Key Stage 3, assessments normally take place between April and July of the final year of the Key Stage. At KS4, although most assessments are undertaken at the end of the Key Stage, some students take examinations in certain subjects at the end of Year 10 and some courses are continually assessed throughout KS4. At KS5 assessments are undertaken at various times depending on the length and level of the courses undertaken.