

- The timing of these assessment will be at the teachers discretion.
- Q. What happens to the information gathered?**
- SNSA data will contribute to a complete and balanced picture of how children are progressing.
- Teachers will use the information to support your child as they progress in literacy and numeracy.
- Information about your child's achievement will form part of the usual process of reporting to parents.

#### **Who should I contact for further information?**

Further information on TPJ is available on the Parentzone

website:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-in-scotland/National%20Improvement%20Framework>

Published statistics can be found on:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/sg.eas.learninganalysis#!/vizhome/AchievementofCurriculumforExcellenceCfELevels201516/Dashboard1>

Further information on SNSA is available on the Scottish

Government website:

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>

or

contact your Head Teacher

## National Improvement Framework Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Level (ACEL) and Scottish National Standardised Assessments



## National Improvement Framework

### Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Level (ACEL)

#### (Previously known as Teachers Professional Judgement)

#### Q. What is the ACEL?

- As part of the ongoing assessment, your child will be measured against National Standards in P1, P4, P7 and S3. In Special Schools pupils data is collected at all stages.
- ACEL is a survey of teachers professional judgement on whether a level is achieved in literacy & numeracy at P1, P4, P7 and S3.
- This professional judgement is reached following a process of continuous in-house assessments and not one individual piece of evidence.
- All schools in Scotland participate in this.

#### Q. How is my child involved in this?

- As a natural part of their learning and planning for next steps your child will be involved in ongoing assessment throughout the year.
- It is the teachers responsibility to record the level your child has achieved in literacy and numeracy.

#### Q. What happens to the information gathered?

- Information about your child's achievement will form part of the usual process of reporting to parents.
- The information is collated and recorded at school level, Authority level and finally at National Level.
- Information retained at National Level does not identify individual pupils.
- Scottish Government uses this information to monitor progress of children in literacy and numeracy across the country.

## Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA)

#### Q. What is the SNSA?

- This is an assessment which is standardised throughout Scotland.
- This is a one off assessment completed online in school in P1, P4, P7 and S3.
- This is automatically marked through the online system and provides an objective and comparable measure of children's progress in aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

#### Q. How is my child involved in this?

- P1 children will take 2 assessments – 1 in literacy and 1 in numeracy; children in P4, P7 and S3 will take 3 assessments 1 in reading, 1 in writing and 1 in numeracy.
- The software takes account of children's ability and stage of development.
- The assessment may not be suitable for a minority of children due to the nature of their learning needs.
- Most children should require no more than 45 minutes to complete each assessment.
- Children and young people do not have to revise or prepare for these assessments.
- As part of the assessment questions are randomised and teachers have no prior knowledge of the questions being asked.
- They are not used in isolation and supports ongoing assessment (for example ACEL).