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(LL/NS)



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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: National Standardised Assessments (NSA) – S3 Pupils

- **Background – National Context**

The Scottish Government have introduced National Standardised Assessments (NSA) as phase two of the assessments delivery of Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA). The SNSA was introduced as part of the National Improvement Framework to provide teachers with objective, comparable information about progress, to help to improve outcomes for all children and young people. SNSA online assessments were introduced in August 2017 with assessments in Literacy and Numeracy undertaken by all pupils in Primary 1, Primary 4, Primary 7 and S3.

- **The Assessments and Use of Data**

National Standardised Assessments are delivered as part of the ongoing learning and teaching programme in school and form part of a range of approaches to assessment. The assessments provide teachers with detailed diagnostic reports for each pupil as well as information on pupils at group, class and school level. Teachers will discuss feedback from individual assessments with pupils and plan next steps in learning in order to best meet pupils' needs.

It has been planned for your child to complete these **online assessments** during class time on **week commencing Monday 30th September 2024**.

- **Further Information**

An information page for parents and carers is available on the Scottish Government's website <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>. The programme for assessments is outlined below.

Programme for Assessments and Key Information

Key Information

- The assessments do not have a time limit, and the time learners spend on the assessment may vary. On average, pupils require up to 40 minutes to complete the assessment, but this is dependent on the learner.
- The assessments are adaptive and made up of between 30 and 41 questions. The number of questions depends on the performance of the child on the adaptive pathway that they complete.
- Learners may use a pen and paper for working notes.



- Learners **may not** use a calculator or dictionary.
- If available, learners should bring a set of headphones/earphones (not Bluetooth), that can be plugged into a PC.

Programme of Assessments for S3

DATE	ASSESSMENT
Monday 30 th September Period 4	Numeracy
Monday 30 th September Period 5	Writing
Tuesday 1 st October Period 2	Reading
Wednesday 2 nd October period 6	Catch-up time (Numeracy)
Friday 4 th October period 1	Catch-up time (Literacy)

All assessments will take place in our ICT suites in the secondary department. If you have any questions regarding these standardised assessments, please do not hesitate to contact school at breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

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