



What are Key Stages?

The school years are organised into blocks of years called key stages. There are four key stages as well as the Early Years Foundation Stage, in which your child will be starting school. The 'Early Years Foundation Stage' covers provision for children from birth to five.

This diagram shows how the key stages are organised and where formal assessments of your child's progress are made. Your child's teacher will be able to tell you more about how the school assesses progress between these key points.

Age yrs	Stage	School Year	Assessment
birth – 5	Early Years Foundation Stage	Nursery	Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (teacher assessment)
4-5		Reception	
5-6	Key Stage 1	Year 1	Phonics screening
6-7		Year 2	Formal teacher assessments in English, Maths, Science National Standardised Assessment Tests in Reading and Maths
7-8	Key Stage 2	Year 3	Teacher assessments
8-9		Year 4	
9-10		Year 5	
10-11	Key Stage 3	Year 6	National tests and formal teacher assessments in english, mathematics and science
11-12		Year 7	Teacher assessments
12-13		Year 8	
13-14		Year 9	
14-15	Key Stage 4	Year 10	Some children take GCSEs
15-16		Year 11	Most children take GCSEs or other national qualifications

Assessments at the Infant Stage

Early Years Foundation Stage

Children's learning will be assessed through their play, observation, discussion and looking at their early recording.

There will be a meeting in the autumn to further explain how this works within the curriculum.

Year 1 and 2

Children's learning will be assessed against the National Curriculum, through observation and discussion, and the children's recording. Phonic assessments happen at the end of Year 1 and Key Stage 1 assessments happen at the end of Year 2.