

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Subject: Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Teacher Assessment in Wales : 2012

Background Summary

- 1.1 The booklet – Statutory Assessment Arrangements for the school year 2011-2012 published by the Welsh Assembly Government, contained the information required by schools and LA's about statutory teacher assessment and reporting at Key Stage 2.
- 1.2 All pupils in their final year of Key Stage 2 in the school year 2011/12 were assessed through teacher assessment in the core subjects of English and Welsh, Mathematics and Science. Most of the pupils will have been eleven years of age and in Year 6.
- 1.3 In deciding on a pupil's level of attainment at the end of the key stage, teachers judge which description 'best fits' the pupil's performance and draw upon evidence from practical and oral work, written work and any school- based assessments.
- 1.4 Schools are required to ensure that teacher assessment is based securely on a collective understanding of the standards set out in the level descriptions and this shared understanding should be achieved through internal standardisation and moderation.
- 1.5 From 2008/2009 primary and secondary schools have also been required to have in place effective arrangements for consortium group moderation of samples of learners' work in order to strengthen teacher assessment.
- 1.6 The teacher assessments for Key Stage 2 were finalised by the end of the Summer Term 2012.
- 1.7 The general expectation is that the majority of pupils at age eleven (end of Key Stage 2) will attain at least level 4 in each subject.
- 1.8 The 2012 national (All-Wales) and LA results are available on **www.wales.gov.uk/statistics**, the National Assembly's Website.
- 1.9 The aggregate data comprises the available results in the National Curriculum Subjects of English, Welsh (first language), Mathematics and Science.

1.10 The % of pupils achieving at least the expected level was the same in English and higher in the remaining subjects and CSI at KS2 than in 2011.

1.11 Flintshire LA Summary Results by Subject 2011

Analysis of the results illustrates the following indicators in terms of the percentage of pupils achieving level 4 or above:-

English

- 83.8% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment which equalled the performance from 2011.
- Outcomes in English were 1.2% below the LA target of 85%.
- Flintshire's performance in 2013 was 1.38% below the Welsh national average of 85.18%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position in 2012 is 17th in Wales compared to 13th in 2011.
- Level 5+ performance has risen again with 33.68%% achieving level 5+ in 2012, 0.75% above the Welsh average.

Welsh (First Language)

- These results are for the five Welsh Medium Schools in Flintshire; two of the five are small schools and one has a unit for pupils with learning difficulties.
- 78.89% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment. This was below the LA Target of 84.6%.
- However this is an increase of 0.97% compared to the 2011 performance for Flintshire of 77.92%.
- Flintshire's performance in 2012 is 5.17% below the national average of 83.97% for Wales.
- Flintshire LA ranked position in 2012 is 18th out of 19 LA's in Wales compared to 20th in 2011.
- Performance at Level 5+ has improved in 2012 to 31.11% and is 4.49% above the Welsh average of 26.62%.

Mathematics

- 86.30% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment which exceeded the LA Target of 86%.
- This is an increase of 0.78% compared to the 2011 performance for Flintshire of 85.52%.
- Flintshire's performance is 0.47% below the national average of 86.77% for Wales.
- Flintshire's ranked position in 2012 is 16th out of 22 LA's in Wales compared to =12th in 2011.
- Performance at level 5+ has continued to rise with 34.47% achieving level 5+ which is 1.6% above the national average of 32.87%.

Science

- 87.82% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment which was above the 2012 LA target of 87.3%.
- This is an increase of 0.67% compared to the 2011 performance for Flintshire of 87.15%.
- Flintshire's performance is slightly below the All Wales national average of 88.53%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position is 16 out of the 22 LAs compared to 12 in 2011.
- Level 5 performance at 36.42% continues to improve and is 3.34% above the national average of 33.08% for Wales.

1.13 Analysis of Results for Boys and Girls

The following table reflects the percentage of boys and girls in Flintshire and Wales attaining level 4 or above in the core subjects assessed for 2011 and 2012.

KS2 Gender Comparison 2011-12

					2011		
		Girls	Boys	Diff	Girls	Boys	Diff
ENGLISH	LA	88.03	79.59	8.44	89.3	79.0	10.3
	Wales	89.20	81.39	7.81	88.2	78.8	9.4
WELSH	LA	85.19	69.44	15.75	87.9	70.5	17.4
	Wales	88.41	79.46	8.95	87.2	77.0	10.2
MATHS	LA	87.79	84.81	2.98	87.6	83.9	3.7
	Wales	88.37	85.25	3.10	86.8	83.1	3.7
SCIENCE	LA	89.99	85.66	4.33	90.2	84.6	5.6
	Wales	90.60	86.58	4.02	89.4	85.0	4.4
CSI	LA	84.98	77.64	7.34	85.5	76.3	9.2
	Wales	85.99	79.36	6.63	84.0	76.2	7.8

- Nationally girls continue to outperform boys in all subjects.
- Analysis of the Flintshire results supports the national trend that girls continue to outperform boys in all subjects, but there is a significantly greater differential in Welsh.
- The gap between boys and girls performance in English and Welsh first language in Flintshire has reduced from that in 2011 but the gap remains higher than the Wales average.
- The gap between boys and girls performance in Maths has also reduced since 2011 and the differential is smaller than the Wales average.
- The gap between boys and girls performance in Science has reduced since 2011 but the LA's differential is slightly higher than that of Wales.
- Boys performance in Flintshire in the CSI, however, has dropped below the national average by 1.72% in 2012.

1.14 Core Subject Indicator Results

- To achieve the Core Subject Indicator a pupil has to achieve at least Level 4 in the core subjects of English or Welsh (first language), Mathematics and Science in combination.
- 81.30% of pupils in Flintshire in 2012 achieved the Core Subject Indicator in teacher assessment compared to 80.81% in 2011, an improvement of 0.49%.
- The performance of Flintshire schools at 81.30% is below the 2012 All Wales national average of 82.58%.
- Flintshire's position in 2012 is 16 out of 22 LA's in Wales compared to =12 in 2011.
- The CSI of 81.3% was just below the LA target of 81.6% for 2012.

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