

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Subject: Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Teacher Assessment in Wales : 2013

Background Summary

- 1.1 The booklet – Statutory Assessment Arrangements for the school year 2012-2013 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 2012/13 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 2013.
- 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 2013 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 in all subjects and the Core Subject Indicator is higher in 2013 than in 2012 in Flintshire schools.

1.11 Flintshire LA Summary Results by Subject 2013

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

English

- 88.0% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment which was an improvement on the 2012 performance of +4.2%.
- Outcomes in English were 2.6% above the LA target of 85.4%.
- Flintshire's performance in 2013 is 0.9% above the Welsh national average of 87.1%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position in 2013 is 10th in Wales compared to 17th in 2012 – a rise of 7 places.
- Level 5 performance has risen again with 36.2% achieving level 5 in 2013, an improvement of 2.9% from 2012, and is 1.2% above the 2013 Wales average of 35.0%.

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.
- 90.1% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment, which was an improvement of 11.2% on the performance in 2012.
- Outcomes in Welsh First Language were 3.6% above the LA Target of 86.5%.
- Flintshire's performance in 2013 is 3.4% above the national average of 86.7% for Wales.
- Flintshire LA ranked position in 2013 is 8th compared to 20th in 2012 – a significant improvement.
- Performance at Level 5 has improved in 2013 to 32.4%, an improvement of 1.3% from 2012 and is 2.5% above the 2013 Welsh average of 29.9%.

Mathematics

- 88.2% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment, an improvement of 1.9% on the performance in 2012.
- Outcomes in Maths were 2.2% above the LA Target of 86%.
- Flintshire's performance is 0.7% above the national average of 87.5% for Wales.
- Flintshire's ranked position in 2013 is 10th out of 22 LA's in Wales compared to 16th in 2012.
- Performance at level 5 has continued to rise with 38.3% achieving level 5, an improvement of 4.4% from 2012, which is 3.1% above the 2013 Wales average of 35.2%.

Science

- 90.1% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment which was an increase of 2.3% on the 2012 performance.
- Outcomes in Science were 2.8% above the LA target of 87.3%.
- Flintshire's performance is 0.4% above the national average of 89.7%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position is 14th out of the 22 LAs compared to 16th in 2012.

- Level 5 performance has continued to rise with 40.5% achieving Level 5, an improvement of 4.1% on 2012 and is 4.5% above the 2013 Wales average of 36.0%.

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 2012 and 2013.

KS2 Gender Comparison 2012-13

		2012			2013		
		Girls	Boys	Diff	Girls	Boys	Diff
ENGLISH	LA	88.03	79.59	8.44	90.6	85.5	5.1
	Wales	89.20	81.39	7.81	90.8	83.7	7.1
WELSH	LA	85.19	69.44	15.75	92.9	86.2	6.7
	Wales	88.41	79.46	8.95	91.1	82.5	8.6
MATHS	LA	87.79	84.81	2.98	89.0	87.5	1.5
	Wales	88.37	85.25	3.10	89.3	85.8	3.5
SCIENCE	LA	89.99	85.66	4.33	91.2	88.9	2.3
	Wales	90.60	86.58	4.02	91.8	87.8	4.0
CSI	LA	84.98	77.64	7.34	87.0	83.0	4.0
	Wales	85.99	79.36	6.63	87.5	81.4	6.1

- 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.
- The gap between boys and girls performance in Flintshire in all subject areas has been narrowed between 2012 and 2013.
- The gap between boys and girls performance in all subject areas in Flintshire is narrower than the gap across Wales in all subjects in 2013.

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.
- 85.0% of pupils in Flintshire in 2013 achieved the Core Subject Indicator in teacher assessment compared to 81.3% in 2012, an improvement of +3.7%.
- The performance of Flintshire schools at 85.0 % is above the 2013 national average of 84.3%.
- Flintshire's position in 2013 is 12th out of 22 LA's in Wales compared to 16th in 2012.
- The CSI of 85.0% was 3.4% above the LA target of 81.6% for 2013.