

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Subject: Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Teacher Assessment in Wales: 2014

Background Summary

- 1.1 The booklet – Statutory Assessment Arrangements for the school year 2013-2014 published by the Welsh Assembly Government, contained the information required by schools and Local Authorities (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 2013/14 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 2014.
- 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 2014 national (All-Wales) and LA results are available on **www.wales.gov.uk/statistics**, the Welsh Government'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 86.1% of pupils achieving at least the expected level in all subjects to gain the Core Subject Indicator is 1.1% higher in 2014 than in 2013 in Flintshire schools.

1.11 Flintshire LA Summary Results by Subject 2014

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

English

- 89.0% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment which was an improvement on the 2013 performance of +0.9%.
- Outcomes in English were equal to the LA target of 89.0%.
- Flintshire's performance in 2014 is 0.6% above the Welsh national average of 88.4%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position in 2014 is 12th in Wales compared to 10th in 2013.
- Level 5 performance has risen again with 37.7% achieving level 5 in 2014, an improvement of 1.5% from 2013, and is 0.9% above the 2014 Wales average of 36.8%.

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.
- 90.0% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment, which was down 0.1% on the performance in 2013.
- Outcomes in Welsh First Language were 1.0% above the LA Target of 89.0%.
- Flintshire's performance in 2014 is 0.9% above the national average of 88.1% for Wales.
- Flintshire LA ranked position in 2013 is 9th compared to 8th in 2013 and 20th in 2012.
- Performance at Level 5 has improved in 2014 to 37.8%, an improvement of 5.4% from 2013 and is 4.6% above the 2014 Welsh average of 33.2%.

Mathematics

- 88.4% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment, an improvement of 0.2% on the performance in 2013.
- Outcomes in Maths were 0.6% below the LA Target of 90.0%.
- Flintshire's performance is 0.5% below the national average of 88.9% for Wales.
- Flintshire's ranked position in 2014 is 15th out of 22 LA's in Wales compared to 10th in 2013.
- Performance at level 5 has dropped slightly in 2014 with 38.1% achieving level 5, a drop of 0.2% from 2013, but this is still 1.2% above the 2014 Wales average of 36.9%.

Science

- 89.4% of pupils attained level 4 or above in teacher assessment which was a reduction of 0.7% on the 2013 performance.
- Outcomes in Science were 3.6% below the LA target of 93.0%.
- Flintshire's performance is 0.9% above the national average of 90.3%.
- Flintshire's LA ranked position is 16th out of the 22 LAs, as it was in 2013.
- Level 5 performance at 39.3% has dipped by 1.2% in 2014 compared to 40.5% in 2013. However it remains 1.1% above the 2014 Wales average of 38.2%.

1.12 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 2014 and 2013.

KS2 Gender Comparison 2014&13

		2014			2013		
		Girls	Boys	Diff	Girls	Boys	Diff
ENGLISH	LA	93.0	85.2	10.8	90.6	85.5	5.1
	Wales	92.0	85.0	7.0	90.8	83.7	7.1
WELSH	LA	91.7	88.1	3.6	92.9	86.2	6.7
	Wales	92.3	83.8	8.5	91.1	82.5	8.6
MATHS	LA	89.8	87.0	2.8	89.0	87.5	1.5
	Wales	90.9	87.1	3.8	89.3	85.8	3.5
SCIENCE	LA	92.2	86.8	5.4	91.2	88.9	2.3
	Wales	92.5	88.3	4.2	91.8	87.8	4.0
CSI	LA	88.9	83.4	4.5	87.0	83.0	4.0
	Wales	89.4	83.1	6.3	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 most subjects has increased between 2013 and 2014. Welsh first language is the only area where the gap has narrowed.
- The gap between boys and girls performance in subject areas in Flintshire compared to Wales in 2014 is more variable than in 2013. The gender gap in Flintshire is wider than that of Wales for English and Science but narrower for Welsh first language, Maths and the Core Subject Indicator.

1.13 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.

- 86.1% of pupils in Flintshire in 2014 achieved the Core Subject Indicator in teacher assessment compared to 85.0% in 2013, an improvement of +1.1%.
- The performance of Flintshire schools at 86.1 % is equal to the 2014 national average.
- Flintshire's position in 2014 is 13th out of 22 LA's in Wales compared to 12th in 2013.
- The CSI of 86.1% was 0.1% below the LA target of 86.2% for 2014.

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