

Dear Parent/Carer

S3 SNSA – Scottish National Standardised Assessments

During the next two weeks, all of our S3 pupils at St John Ogilvie High school will undertake an online baseline assessment, during their Maths and English lessons.

This new system of Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) has been introduced by the Scottish Government and will focus on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

The assessments are completed online and results will be used to help class teachers plan the next steps in learning for each child in order to help them make the best possible progress in Literacy and Numeracy. Please note that individual pupil's presentation levels next year- whether they will aim for National 3, 4 or 5- are based on their work in class over the course of whole school year. Information from these assessments will simply highlight certain areas pupils may require some further revision of or support in.

Pupils do not have to revise or prepare for the assessments. They are designed to be used as part of the normal learning and teaching process and the information they provide will be used in the same way as other assessment information.

The assessments do not have a time limit attached to them. However, the majority of children will complete the assessment in no more than 60 minutes. If anyone requires more time, then this will be accounted for. The assessments are also designed to be appropriate for use with all children, including those who require additional support.

The Scottish Government has created a dedicated website where you will find more information.

- Information for Parents/Carers
<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>
- Questions and Answers
<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/questions-and-answers/>

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