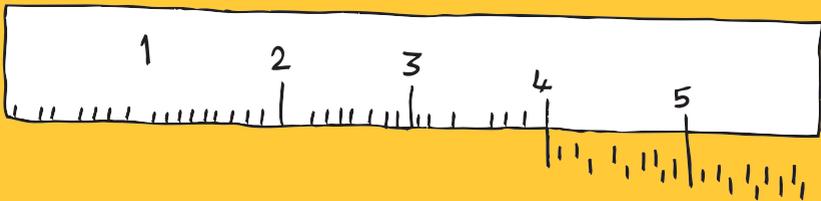


# Primary assessment

**This pressure on children and schools can't go on**



The pressure on children and schools from a broken system can't go on. Teachers are adamant that the fiasco of primary assessment 2015/16 must not be repeated this year. Primary assessment is not fit for purpose. It is harming children's learning and, in some cases, their well-being. In an NUT survey:

**97%**

said preparation for the SATs had a negative impact on children's access to a broad and balanced curriculum

**90%**

said changes to primary assessment in 2016 had a negative impact on children's experience at school

**91%**

said that the 'expected standard', as stipulated by the DfE, was beyond the reach of the majority of children

# Speaking up for better assessment

The NUT is in urgent negotiations with the DfE. It is possible to develop an assessment system that supports learning and does not confuse the assessment of pupils with arrangements for the accountability of schools. We're calling on the Government to:

- suspend arrangements for primary assessment in 2016/17
- disregard the data from 2016 tests for the purposes of school accountability and inspection
- convene an independent review, based on consultation with teachers, unions and academics.

# The profession working together

We're working with the NAHT and ATL to develop a common campaign.

The NUT, the ATL and the NAHT have made clear their willingness to ballot heads and deputy heads to boycott the summer 2017 tests if the Government doesn't listen.

We're working on alternative plans for assessment alongside organisations from across the primary sector, including the United Kingdom Literacy Association, the National Association for Primary Education, the ATL, and parents' groups.

# Get your school involved

Right now, teachers are working hard to resist the pressure to teach to the test.

## **Look out for school and local meetings in support of the campaign**

- Engage parents and the community in your area and show them what an alternative vision of primary education could look like.
- Use ideas like ‘You Can’t Test This’ week, ‘Keeping Schools Creative’ events, and ‘The Alternative Classroom’ stalls (details on NUT website below).

**You Can’t Test This** week is 17-21 October – get involved!

Information and resources are available on our website  
[www.teachers.org.uk/campaigns/primary](http://www.teachers.org.uk/campaigns/primary)

