

How will the results be used?

SNSA data provides additional information to the teacher regarding how your child is progressing in school.

Teachers will use this information, alongside a wide range of other assessment information to plan appropriate next steps in learning for your child. This will assist the teacher to help your child further.

How can you help?

You have a key role to play in helping your child to progress in their learning. Teachers will keep you informed about how your child is progressing. Reports are sent home in November and May of S3.

Talk to your child's guidance teacher if you have any concerns about their learning or assessment.

Ask for information about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Attend any planned family learning events organised by the school.

Attend parent's evenings. For S3 this usually takes place in February.

Regularly speak to your child about how they are getting on at school and support them to complete homework and study at home.



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Gracemount High School

Scottish National
Standardised Assessment



Information for
Parents and Carers



Background

The Scottish Government has commissioned the Scottish National Standardised Assessments as part of the National Improvement Framework.

What you need to know

The assessments will be the same ones used across the whole of Scotland, which are designed to reflect the way we deliver education in Scotland through the Curriculum for Excellence.

In addition to these assessments, ongoing and informal assessment will carry on as normal, with teachers continuing to use a range of assessment information to plan the next steps in learning for your child.

What will be assessed?

The assessments will focus on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

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When will the assessments take place?

In Gracemount High School, the assessments will normally take place in March.

How many times will your pupil sit an assessment?

S3 pupils will take three assessments – one reading, one writing and one numeracy. These will be done in class time.

How will the assessments be taken?

The assessments are taken online – either on a computer or iPad. They are marked automatically which means that teachers have immediate feedback to help you're your child's progress.

What does this mean for your child?

The assessments are used as part of routine learning and teaching to help teachers understand how well your child is progressing and to plan next steps.

The system is designed so that if a child is experiencing difficulty, the questions will get easier, and if a child is doing well, the questions will become more challenging.

The assessments are as short as possible and are age and stage appropriate.

There is no time limit – this is to ensure that children do not feel under pressure when taking the assessments.

We do expect that the majority of children will complete each assessment in no more than 45 minutes. You child will not be expected to do all the assessments in one sitting.