

Key Stages

The national curriculum is organised into block of years called 'key stages' (KS). At the end of each key stage, the teacher will formally assess your child's performance.

The Key Stages are as follows:

Key Stage	Year groups	Ages
Foundation Stage	Preschool - end of reception year	3-5
Key Stage 1	Years 1-2	5-11
Key Stage 2	Years 3-6	7-11
Key Stage 3	Years 7-9	11-14
Key Stage 4	Years 10-11	14-16
Key Stage 5	Years 12-13	16-18

The key achievement points:

Key Stage	Year groups	Ages	Achievement
Foundation Stage	Preschool - end of reception year	3-5	Leaving foundation with a good level of development
Key Stage 1	Years 1-2	5-11	Reaching expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths
Key Stage 2	Years 3-6	7-11	Reaching expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths
Key Stage 3	Years 7-9	11-14	Assessment of progress towards end of KS 4
Key Stage 4	Years 10-11	14-16	GCSE (or other qualifications) grades 1-9, with grade 4 being the standard in English and Maths
Key Stage 5	Years 12-13	16-18	A Levels Or BTEC, Functional Skills, Entry Level, Level 1-3 qualifications Maths and English to be resat until grade 4 achieved
Higher Education	Beyond age 18 and care leavers, university or university courses at colleges		