

Sharing Information

All information about your child will be confidential. The head teacher will contact you as a matter of course if any concerns about your child's learning emerge from the testing.

The information on your child will be available at parental consultation evenings but you should feel free to contact the school at any time, if you have a particular concern you wish to discuss.

Basic Information about your child will be securely shared with Durham University to facilitate these assessments and your child's results may be used for research purposes. Should you wish your child's data not to be shared, you have the right to withdraw your child from these assessments.



Further Information

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Adaptive Testing

in West Lothian primary schools

Information for parents

Assessment in West Lothian Primary Schools

In West Lothian primary schools an annual programme of adaptive assessment is carried out.

As part of this programme all pupils in primary stages will be assessed using Durham University Adaptive Tests towards the end of session 2013/14.

These assessments are designed for children between six and eleven years of age. The tests are diagnostic and are delivered on computer. They are also adaptive to meet the needs of individual pupils.



What is adaptive testing?

As the child works through the assessment the level of difficulty in the questions adjusts according to the response made by the child. This will ensure that the child is being assessed within their ability range.



Adaptive assessment over the course of a child's primary school education will take up approximately three hours per year. West Lothian provides support and training to schools in using the information from the assessments.

The assessments are designed to assist teachers by providing diagnostic information of each child's reading, spelling, maths and mental arithmetic. Other information is also provided which will allow teachers to build a powerful profile of individual progress and attainment.

The tests provide a wealth of information at pupil, class and school level. They highlight pupil's strengths and next steps in learning. This will inform teacher's planning and target setting for pupils. The tests will allow schools to measure the progress of individual pupils and groups of pupils as they move through their school education.

