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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the Education (National Curriculum) (Key Stage 1 Assessment Arrangements) (England) Order 2003. It specifies the assessment arrangements for pupils who have completed the first key stage which apply to schools maintained by local education authorities (other than any established in a hospital) in England.

The principal changes from the provisions of the 2003 Order are to allow teachers more flexibility in making their assessment of a pupil in key stage 1. Assessment at key stage 1 is now carried out by way of teacher assessment, taking into account the results achieved in the standard task assessments, but also based on the pupil's performance throughout the school year. Where the teacher assessment and the results of a pupil's standard task assessments differ, the teacher assessment will stand providing that the teacher can back up their assessment from other means. Local education authorities are to act as moderating authorities and are to be provided with such material as is necessary for them to moderate the teacher assessments made in each school including standard task assessment results and other examples of a pupil's work.