

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Key Stage One Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) Test

Dear Parents/Carers,

It emerged earlier this week that the test paper for the Key Stage One Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) test has been accidentally available on the Department for Education website for several months as a recommended practise paper for use by schools and others. You may well be aware of this from coverage on the national news.

Schools Minister Nick Gibb has today confirmed that in light of this accidental publication the requirement on schools to administer the KS1 grammar, punctuation and spelling test has been removed for this year.

Mr Gibb states in his press release 'There will be no requirement this year for schools to administer the KS1 grammar, punctuation and spelling test or use the result as part of that assessment. Our immediate inquiry has shown none of the other KS1 test papers have been affected by this error. This is a clearly regrettable incident and I am sorry for any concern it has caused teachers, parents or pupils.' Therefore your child will no longer take a national test in the area of Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

I wish to reassure all our parents that we assess our children's spelling, grammar and punctuation on a regular basis and as such the tests are only one small part of a much wider range of assessment evidence available for our teacher assessment judgements. In this regard we are not concerned by the removal of the national test for 2016 and are confident of our professional ability to judge your children's ability accurately in these areas of learning.

If you have any questions regarding the national removal of this test please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to support you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips  
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