

Commission on Assessment Without Levels

Terms of Reference

Members:

The Commission will be chaired by John McIntosh, CBE

Additional members include:

- Shahed Ahmed
- Daisy Christodoulou
- Professor Robert Coe
- Sam Freedman
- Mark Neild
- Natalie Packer
- Dame Alison Peacock

The commission will also include representatives from both Ofsted and Ofqual.

Responsibilities of the Commission:

1. The Commission on Assessment Without Levels will:
 - Develop principles of effective assessment without levels;
 - Clarify how assessment without levels fits into the wider assessment and accountability landscape;
 - Advise on the best ways to ensure that all schools have access to high quality information and materials regarding assessment without levels;
 - Advise schools on developing their approaches to formative assessment, in the absence of nationally prescribed levels of attainment or bench-marks;
 - Identify examples of good practice in assessment without levels and advise on the best ways to share those examples with schools more widely;
 - Advise on any professional development considerations to ensure schools are able to implement new assessment systems effectively;
 - Provide advice on assessing pupils with special educational needs;
 - Advise on communications to help clarify assessment changes for the workforce and ensure advice and support has good reach.
2. The Commission may also be asked to provide advice on other matters

related to assessment from time to time at the request of Ministers.

3. The Commission will publish a statement of their intended outputs and submit a final report to the Department for Education in accordance with the timetable agreed with the Department.

Ways of working

1. The Commission will meet regularly to ensure delivery of its outputs within the timeframes agreed with the Department.
2. Members of the Commission will be asked to undertake work in particular areas in line with the Commission's statement of intended outputs.
3. Teachers and other stakeholder groups will be invited to engage with the Commission.
4. The Commission will work collaboratively with Ofsted and Ofqual.