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NUT welcomes assessment and testing changes

Commenting on the Government's changes to the testing regime for primary schools, Steve Sinnott, NUT General Secretary, said:

"The move to give teacher assessment pride of place in informing parents is very welcome. It is good news for all teachers and parents.

"Trusting teachers to provide results from their assessments rather than requiring them to rely on tests is a major step forward.

"The logic must be for the Government to draw on the experience of Wales and Scotland and move towards further reform of end of key stage testing and assessment in all schools.

"Teachers' assessments provide schools and parents with the information they need to promote future learning. The tests are burdens without benefits and disrupt rather than promote children's education."

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