

## **New PiRA and New PUMA: standardised scores for the summer test papers**

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Dear Headteacher,

As a valued customer of New PiRA and New PUMA, we are writing to update you about a delay to the release of the standardised scores for the summer test papers. They will now be released in **August 2021**, as opposed to July 2021 as originally intended.

As you are aware, summer 2020 school closures meant that we had to postpone the standardisation of the summer test papers. We had intended to carry out our analysis in June 2021, meaning that the data would be available to you in July 2021. Unfortunately, because of further un-anticipated school closures in spring 2021, our latest data from the spring assessments indicates that pupil performance is not yet back to the levels of prior cohorts. This means that we now need to undertake an additional comparative data capture in the summer term to inform the standardised scores for the summer test papers.

These extra comparisons will require additional time but are extremely important in ensuring that the test outcomes are reliable. We will therefore publish standardised scores for the summer test papers in **August 2021**, in advance of the return to school in September 2021.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope you understand why we are taking these precautionary measures.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at [onlinesupport@rsassessment.com](mailto:onlinesupport@rsassessment.com).

With very best wishes,

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