



SIMS Assessment Guidance: Entering and
Submitting End of KS2 Assessments Using the
Wizards

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01 | Introduction

Schools have a statutory duty to report and submit teacher assessments data for every pupil at the end of Key Stage 2.

Using the wizards in SIMS is the easiest way for you to prepare your data and allows schools to enter teacher assessments directly into SIMS.

Once all data has been entered into SIMS, you are required to produce a CTF (common transfer file) for submission to your Local Authority.

This document is a step by step guide on entering and submitting your end of KS2 data and fulfil the requirements of the DfE in relation to Key Stage 2 arrangements.

Please do not hesitate to contact the SIMS team with any problems or questions.

(Please note that screenshots are for illustration purposes only)

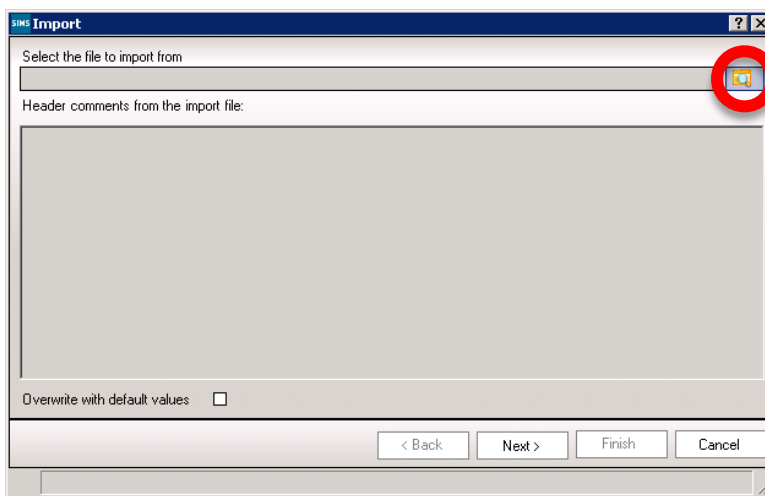
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02 | Importing the Wizards

You will need to import the wizards and marksheet templates before you can enter any data into SIMS. The below instructions are a step by step guide on how to import all resources needed to enter your end of KS2 data.

1. Go to **Routines | Data In | Assessment | Import**
2. Press the browse button to browse for the wizard



3. The browser window should automatically take you to a folder called “Assessment Manager”
If you find the browser doesn't default to this location, please browse to

C:\Program Files\SIMS\SIMS .net\AMPA\England Primary (and Middle Deemed Primary)\Assessment Manager

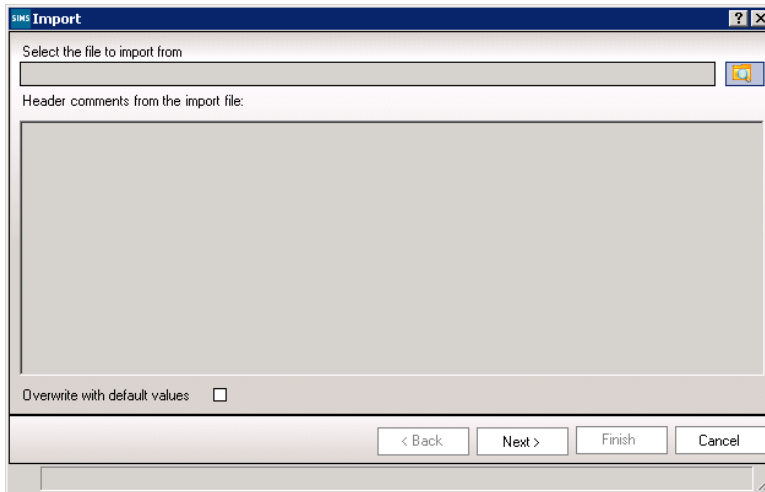
OR

C:\Program Files (x86)\SIMS\SIMS .net\AMPA\England Primary (and Middle Deemed Primary)\Assessment Manager

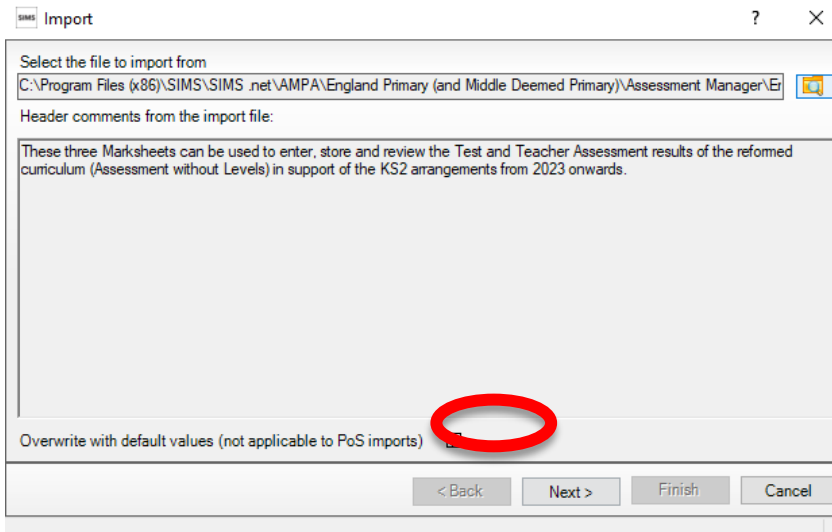
4. Select the file named '***Key Stage 2 Wizard England 2026***' and click '***Open***'
5. Click '***Finish***'

Your wizard has now been imported. We now need to import the marksheet templates so that you can input your data.

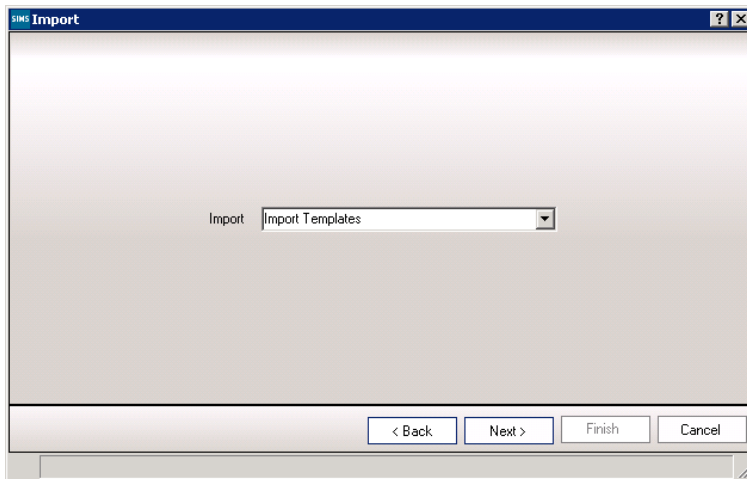
1. Go to **Routines | Data In | Assessment | Import**
2. Press the browse button to browse for the marksheet template



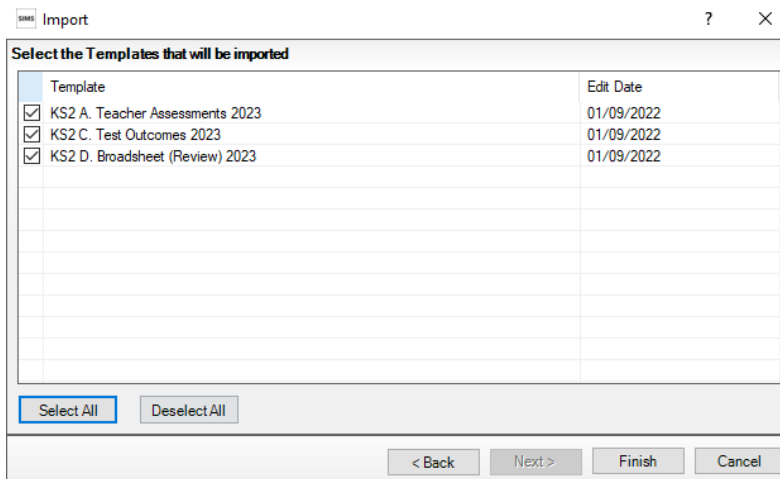
3. You should be directed to the Assessment Manager folder again. If you aren't, browse to the file path mentioned previously.
4. Select the file named '**En KS2 Templates 2026**' and click '**Open**'
5. Click '**Next**'



6. Select **'Import Templates'** from the drop down box



7. Click **'Next'**
8. Tick all three boxes



9. Click **'Finish'**

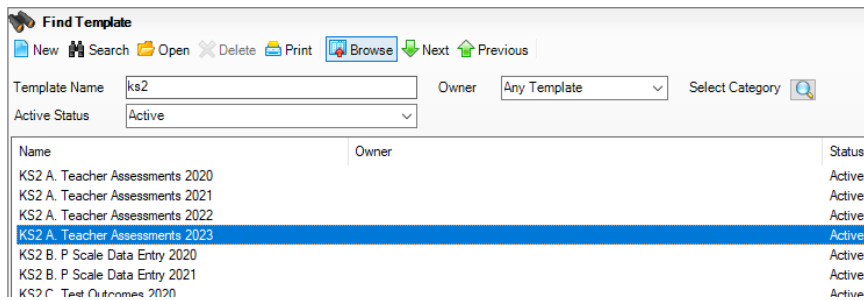
03 | Activating the Marksheets

Now that the wizard and marksheet template have been imported, we need to activate the marksheet to allow us to view it and enter data.

There are 3 marksheets we need to activate:-

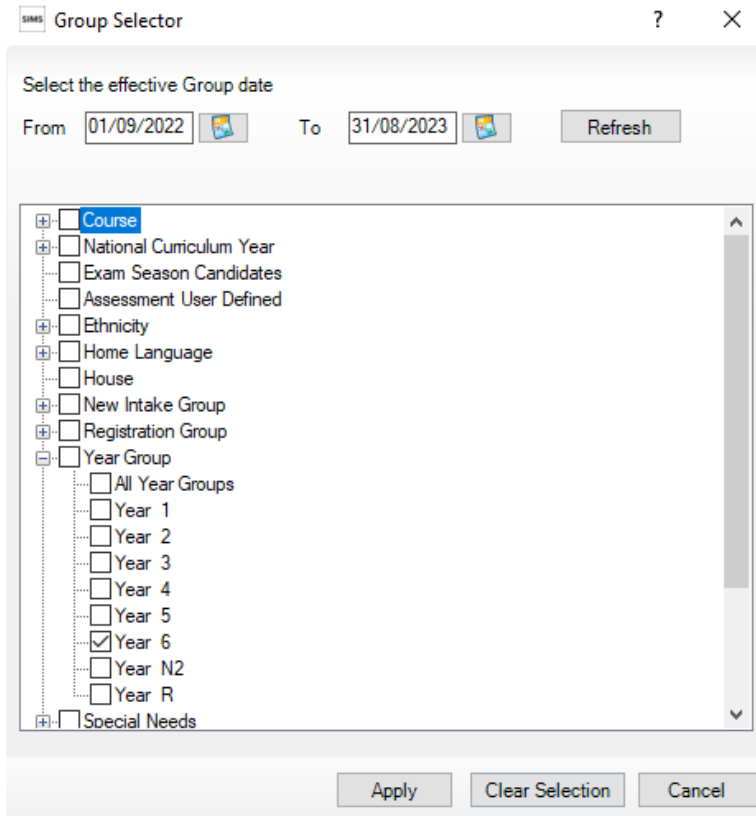
- KS2 A. Teacher Assessments 2026
- KS2 C. Test Outcomes 2026
- KS2 D. Broadsheet (Review) 2026 – Review marksheet showing data entered in the marksheets A-C listed above.

1. Go to **Focus | Assessment | Template**
2. Search for '**KS2**'



3. Select '**KS2 A. Teacher Assessments 2026**'
4. In section 3 (Marksheets), click '**New**'

- Expand '**National Curriculum Year**' by clicking on the '+' and select '**Year 6**'



The screenshot shows a 'Group Selector' dialog box with the following elements:

- Title bar: SIMS Group Selector
- Header: Select the effective Group date
- Date range: From 01/09/2022 To 31/08/2023, with a Refresh button.
- Tree view:
 - Course (expanded)
 - National Curriculum Year (expanded)
 - Exam Season Candidates
 - Assessment User Defined
 - Ethnicity (expanded)
 - Home Language (expanded)
 - House (expanded)
 - New Intake Group (expanded)
 - Registration Group (expanded)
 - Year Group (expanded)
 - All Year Groups
 - Year 1
 - Year 2
 - Year 3
 - Year 4
 - Year 5
 - Year 6
 - Year N2
 - Year R
 - Social Needs (expanded)

- Buttons: Apply, Clear Selection, Cancel

- Click '**Apply**' then click '**Save**' in the top left hand corner of the screen.
- Repeat for the following templates:-
 - KS2 C. Test Outcomes 2026
 - KS2 D. Broadsheet (Review) 2026

Your marksheets have now been activated.

04 | Preparing the Information

In the final term of Key Stage 2, a teacher assessment and test result must be recorded for each pupil.

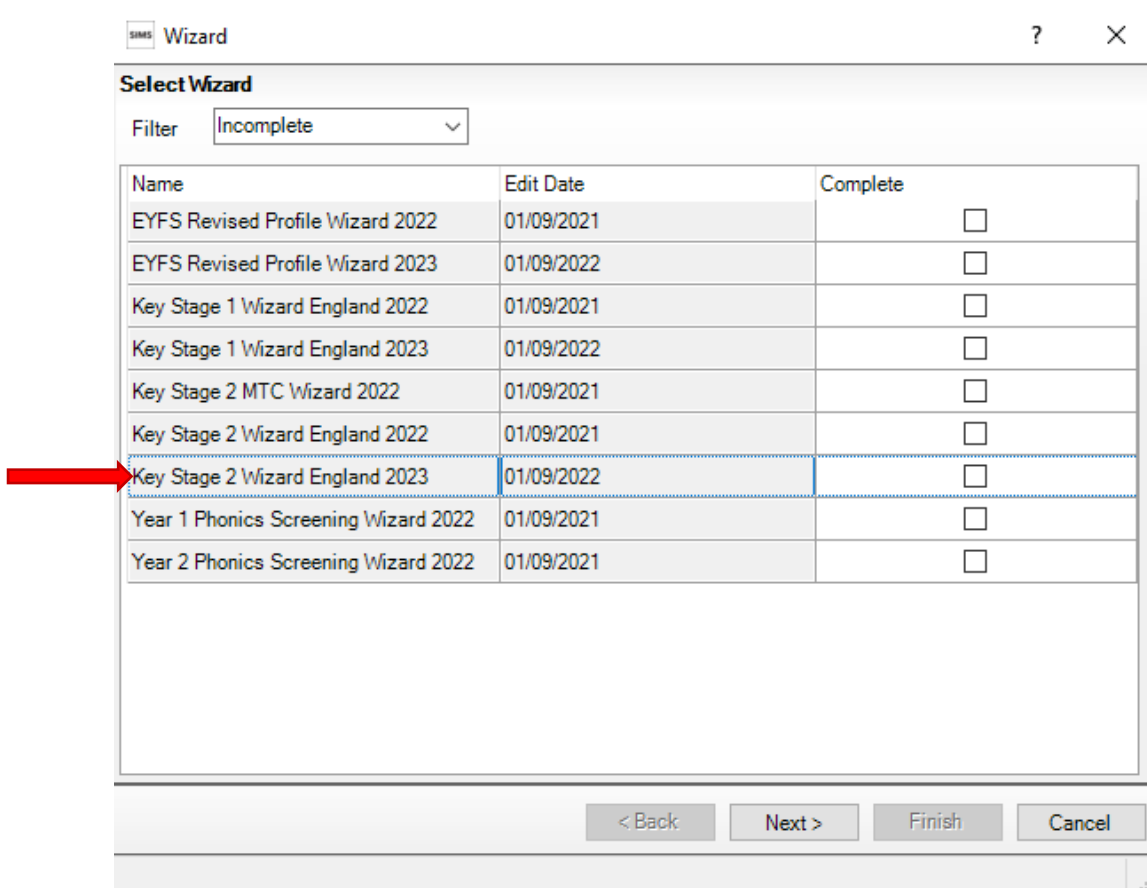
If a pupil starts a new school **before test week**, the receiving school must record and report the teacher assessment.


If a pupil changes school **during test week**, the school where the pupil was registered at the start of test week must record and report the teacher assessment.

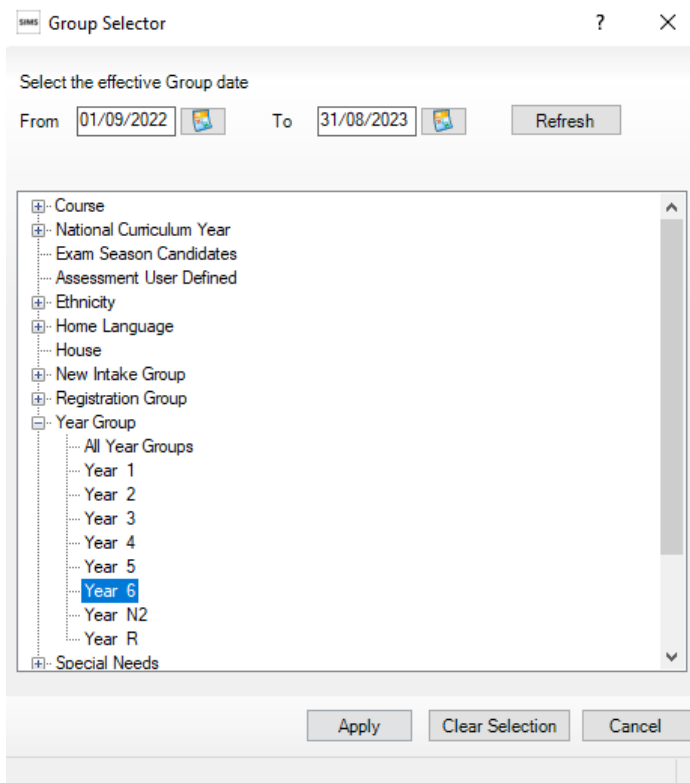
If a pupil changes school **after test week**, the school where the pupil was registered during test week must record and report the teacher assessment.

Running the Wizard

1. Select **Tools | Performance | Assessment | Wizard Manager**




2. Leave the filter on **Incomplete**, highlight '**Key Stage 2 Wizard England 2026**' and click '**Next**'.
3. On the **Select Group** screen, click the magnifying glass  to display the Group Selector.
4. Click the '+' next to '**National Curriculum Year**' and select '**Curriculum Year 6**' then click the '**Apply**' button.

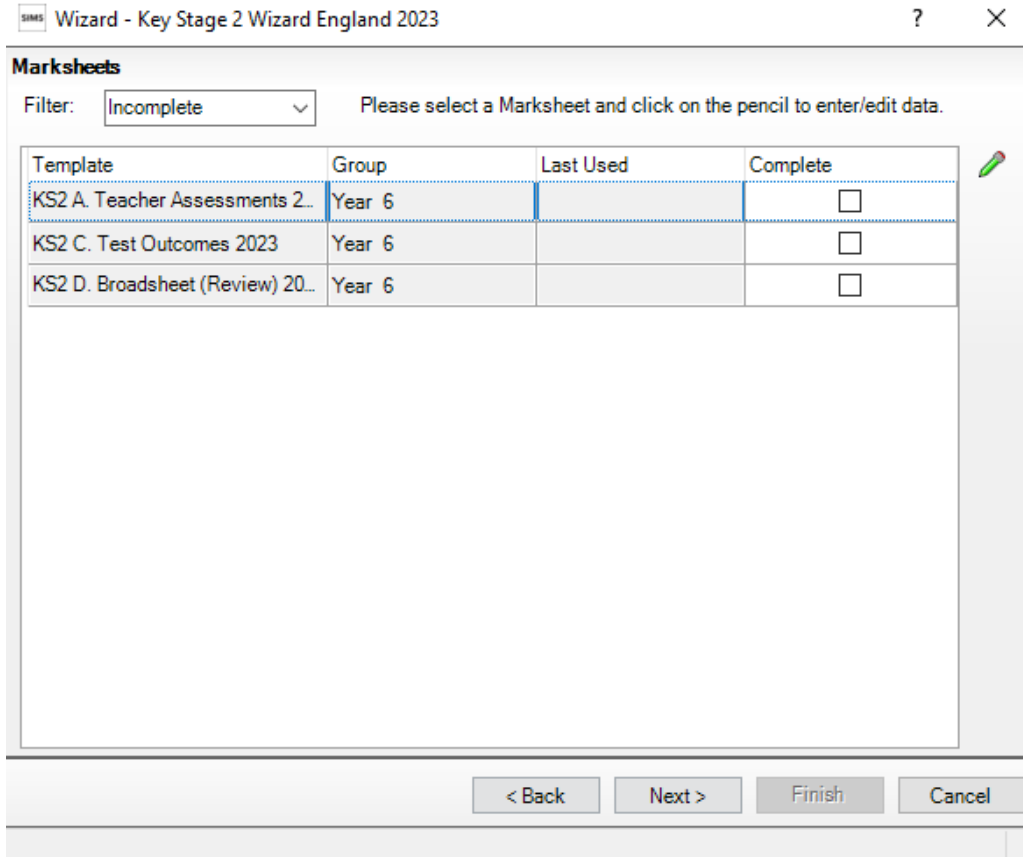


5. Click '**Next**'.

Marksheets

We will now enter data into the marksheets that we have activated in previous steps. The below steps relate to the KS2 A. Teacher Assessments 2026 marksheet.

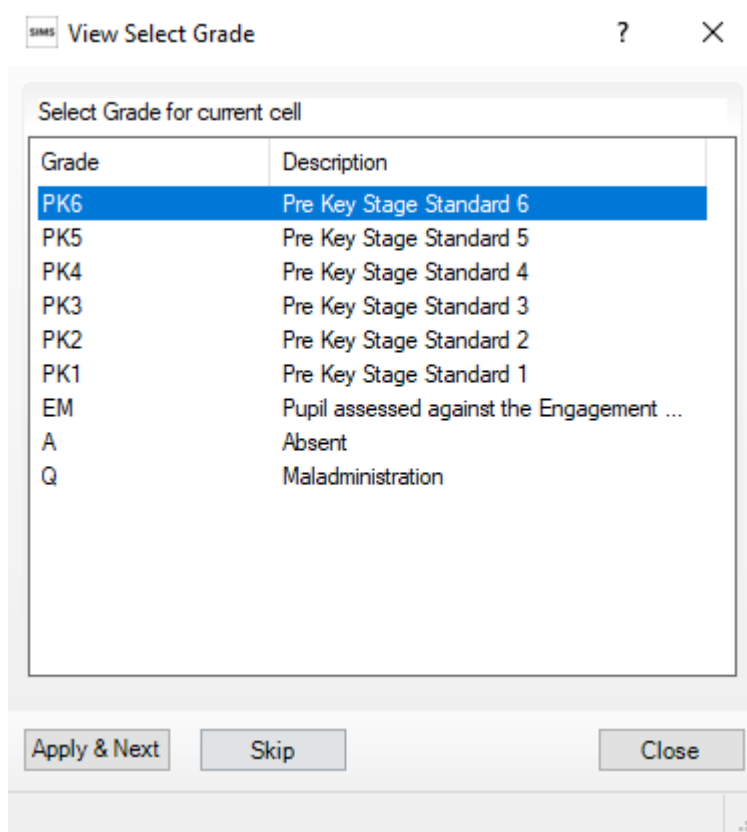
1. Click on the required marksheet from the list shown below and click on the green pencil  button.



| Template | Group | Last Used | Complete |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------------|
| KS2 A. Teacher Assessments 2026 | Year 6 | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| KS2 C. Test Outcomes 2023 | Year 6 | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| KS2 D. Broadsheet (Review) 2023 | Year 6 | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. A marksheet with Year 6 pupils will be displayed along with columns that relate to the assessments which need to be entered.
3. Grades should be entered into the white columns. If an invalid grade is entered, you will be notified. Grades will show in red until the marksheet is saved. Once saved, the grades will show in black.

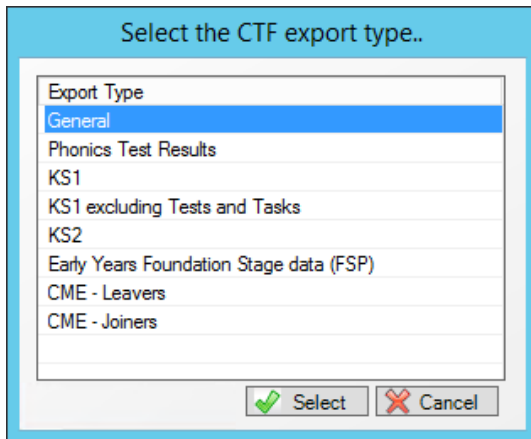
- To enter grades quickly, right click in the first cell and click '**Select Grade for Cell**'. Move the View Select Grade dialog box so you can view this alongside pupil names and the Result column. Double click the result for the first pupil. This will place the grade in the cell and moves to the next pupil. Continue to select grades until they have been entered for all pupils. Click the '**Close**' button to return to the marksheet.



- Once all columns are completed, click '**Save**'.
- There are 2 grey columns on this marksheet. The first column will look for any missing entries and produce a '**Fail!**' message against any pupils that have missing grades. The second column will display the number of missing entries for each pupil. All failures need to be addressed.
- Results can be overtyped if a correction is needed. Ensure that you click '**Save**' again if you amend any results.
- Once you have entered all results, click '**Close**' in the top right hand corner to close the marksheet screen and return to the wizard.
- Select the next marksheet and repeat the above steps to complete.
- Once all required marksheets are completed, close the wizard.

05 | Creating a CTF for upload to NCA Tools

1. Click **Routines | Data Out | CTF | Export CTF**
2. Select the export type '**General**' and click '**Select**'.



3. Tick the following options in the '**Data to be Exported**' panel:-

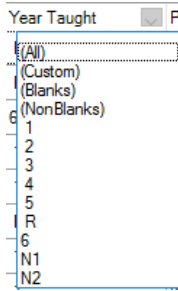
| 1 Data to be Exported | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Student Basic Details | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Student Address | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Student Contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Looked After | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| SEN Information | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Assessment Data | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | School History | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Attendance Summary | <input type="checkbox"/> | Include KS1 Tasks/Tests | <input type="checkbox"/> | FSM History | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | Programme of Study(PoS) Assessments | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

- ✓ Student Basic Details
- ✓ SEN Information
- ✓ Student Address
- ✓ Assessment Data
- ✓ Looked After
- ✓ FSM History

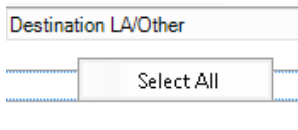
4. Set the view to '**Current and Leavers this year**'.



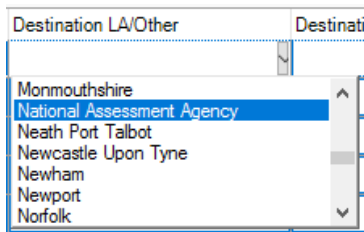
5. Ensure the '**Include Students already exported**' tick box is ticked.
6. Click '**Refresh Students**'.
7. Select Year 6 in the '**Year Taught**' column and check that all relevant pupils are listed.



8. Right click in the white area under '**Destination LA/Other**' and click '**Select All**'

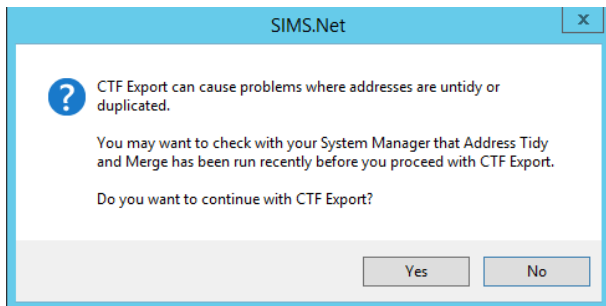


9. Left click in the 'Destination LA/Other' cell for the first pupil and scroll down until you find '**National Assessment Agency**'.



10. Click '**Export CTF**' 

11. Click '**Yes**' when you receive the below message relating to address tidy.

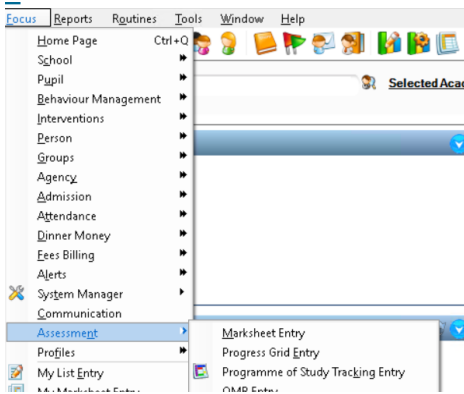


12. Make a note of the filename that appears on the screen.
13. Click on '**Exception Log**' to view any errors. All errors must be corrected before uploading data to NCA Tools.
14. Your file is now ready to upload to NCA Tools.

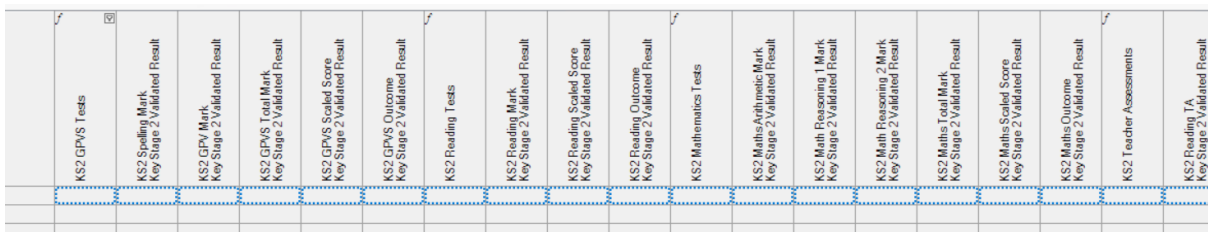
06 | Exporting the Results to Excel (Stockton schools only)

From the marksheet screen in SIMS you can export the data formatted to excel for the use of the MIS team.

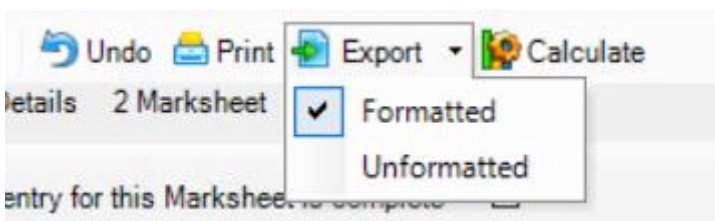
Focus | Assessment | Marksheet Entry



Open the marksheet called **KS2 D Broadsheet (Review) 2026**, make sure your data entry is complete and the extra student columns of DOB, Reg (class) and Gender are visible on screen.

A screenshot of a marksheet table. The table has multiple columns, each representing a different assessment. The columns are: KS2 CPVPS Tests, KS2 Spelling Mark, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 GPV Mark, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 CPVPS Total Mark, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 CPVPS Scaled Score, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 CPVPS Outcome, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Reading Tests, KS2 Reading Mark, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Reading Scaled Score, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Reading Outcome, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Mathematics Tests, KS2 Maths/Arithmetic Mark, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Math Reasoning 1 Mark, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Math Reasoning 2 Mark, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Maths Total Mark, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Maths Scaled Score, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Maths Outcome, Key Stage 2 Validated Result, KS2 Teacher Assessments, and KS2 Reading TA, Key Stage 2 Validated Result.

From the menu bar select export and choose formatted.



This Information has been classified as Customer / General.

The file will open in Excel so you can save it. Your Local Authority will be in touch should they need a copy of your data. If you're unsure, please contact your LA directly.

07 | Uploading Results to NCA Tools

Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessment data needs to be submitted to the NCA Tools website by the school.

<https://ncatools.education.gov.uk>

You should have received login details for this site. If you have not received login details, please contact the National Curriculum Assessments Helpline on 0300 303 3013 or email assessments@education.gov.uk.

1. Log in to the NCA Tools website with the login details you have been given.
2. Click on the '**Teacher Assessment**' tab.
3. Click on '**Submit your teacher assessment**' on the left hand side of the screen.
4. You will be presented with a checklist which you need to read and complete.
5. Click '**Next**'.
6. Click the '**Browse**' button (you may have to scroll down to find the upload section).
7. Browse for the CTF you created in SIMS. This should be located in **K:\SIMS\Star\CTFOut**. Click on the '**Date Modified**' column heading to bring the most recent files to the top. You should see the file you made a note of earlier towards the top of the list.
8. Once you have selected the correct file, click '**Open**'.
9. Click the '**Submit**' button.
10. You will be presented with a file upload report comprising of two tabs:-

File Upload Result – This will list any errors or warnings against the file you have just submitted, including any corrective action required. The tabs will be coloured red, amber or green to indicate the status of the file upload.

Teacher Assessment Summary – This shows the overall status of your submission, including any files you have already submitted if you uploaded more than one. This will show a pie chat of the current status and any corrective action required to complete your submission.

11. On the '**File Upload Result**' tab, you should check the data that you have submitted by clicking on the 'View key stage 2 data' button at the bottom or the 'View teacher assessment' link on the left-hand side of the screen. Any missing or invalid assessment judgements will be highlighted red, and any outstanding pupils that STA

is expecting to receive data for will also be highlighted red.

12. The summary screen will display the judgements for each pupil in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science. You can view the P scale data by clicking on the '**English P scales**,' '**Mathematics P scales**' or '**Science P scales**' links above the table.

For more information on submitting Key Stage 2 data to NCA Tools, please see the below link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-submitting-teacher-assessment-data>