

Progression

The descriptors are based on the National Curriculum and use the statutory teaching requirements at each key stage. Progression is useful in identifying next steps for individual pupils and is used to set targets and measure pupil progress.

Step	Area of National Curriculum	Approximate age equivalent
Pre step 4 to 10	Pupils aged 5 to 16 with special educational needs who are working below the standard of the national curriculum tests	No age equivalent
Step 1	Year One	5 – 6 years
Step 2	Year Two	6 – 7 years
Step 3	Year Three and Four	7 – 9 years
Step 4	Year Five and Six	9 – 11 years
Step 5	Year Seven and Eight	11 – 13 years
Step 6	Year Nine – Eleven Entry Level 1 – 3	14 – 16 years below GCSE level
Step 7	Key Stage Four	14 - 16 years GCSE grade 1 – 3
Step 8	Key Stage Four	14 - 16 years GCSE grade 4 – 6

Step 9	Key Stage Four	14 - 16 years GCSE grade 7 – 9
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