Assessment Courses Autumn Term 2026

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PIV410 - Data-Informed Leadership: Navigating IDSR and LSIP to explain your School Context		
The course will support schools to understand and explain the context of their setting and prepare for conversations during inspection. The course will run by members of the Assessment Support Team, Data team and SSP team who will be able to explain and guide you to make best use of the data. During the session, delegates will: Analyse School Context with Confidence - Explore key contextual information about your school and its pupils—such as attendance, EAL, SEND, and levels of deprivation—to gain a deeper understanding of the factors influencing performance and progress. Interpret IDSR and LSIP Effectively - develop confidence in reading, interpreting and analysing the IDSR and LSIP, including whole school and pupil group attainment. Understand significant confidence interval lines, and the performance of disadvantaged pupils to build a clear picture of strengths and concerns.	Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service	**Suitable For:** Headteacher, Subject Leaders, Teachers, Assistant Heads
ASS114 - Understanding Primary School Data 2025 (A guide to the 2025/2026 data, The IDSR, ASP, LSIP)		
This detailed course will provide an overview and reminder of the data including how to analyse and interpret it, identifying strengths and areas for development. It will also look at performance of groups and the impact this has on School improvement planning. We will also consider and interpret the progress measures and look carefully at the key messages from the Primary Accountability document.	Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service	**Suitable For:** Headteacher, Subject Leaders, Teachers
ASS103 - Effective Assessment for End of Key Stage 1: Life after SATS		
Updated for 2026/2027 - This essential course is designed for all Year 2 teachers and provides the latest guidance on effective end of Key Stage 1 assessment following the removal of statutory data submission. The session will help teachers build secure, confident assessment practice rooted in national expectations. This course may also benefit Assessment Coordinators and Headteachers, offering valuable insights into effective assessment strategies and the development of secure teacher assessment across Key Stage 1.	Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service	**Suitable For:** Headteacher, Subject Leaders, Teachers, Early Career Teachers
ASS184 - Year 6 Effective Preparation for end of KS2 SATS: Understanding the Procedures		
This fully updated, half day course is designed for all Year 6 teachers and will provide comprehensive guidance on the management and administration of the end of Key Stage 2 assessment arrangements for 2026/2027. Delegates will gain a clear understanding of statutory requirements for administering the KS2 assessments and tests while exploring effective approaches to supporting pupils in meeting age related expectations in writing, using the latest STA training and standardisation materials.	Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service	**Suitable For:** Headteacher, Subject Leaders, Teachers, Early Career Teachers

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ASS192 Assessment Leads Cluster Briefing		
These sessions are designed to keep you fully up to date with the latest assessment information and national expectations. Assessment is an integral part of school life, and these sessions will ensure you understand your statutory duties while exploring effective assessment practices across all key stages. You will also develop a clear understanding of the role of the Assessment Lead — including how they oversee assessment systems, monitor pupil progress, ensure statutory compliance, and support teachers in making accurate judgements. To support busy workloads, all sessions will take place after school and will be delivered online, giving you convenient access to the most up to date guidance, frameworks, and assessment updates as they emerge throughout the year.	Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service	**Suitable For:** Headteacher, Subject Leaders, Teachers, Early Career Teachers
MAT184 - Success in SATs (KS2 Maths)		
This course will discuss implications arising from the statutory Key Stage 2 tests for mathematics and will support participants in effectively preparing for them. It will identify adaptations in teaching required to support children in accessing these tests and in maximising their opportunities for success. Top tips for test technique will be shared, and discussion will focus on how these could be integrated into mathematics lessons throughout the year.	Details - Lancashire Professional Development Service	**Suitable For:** Teachers, Early Career Teachers

Consultancy and Support

Our bespoke consultancy support can address your priorities through the form of twilights, INSET sessions, online consultancies via video conferencing and one to one support for teachers (e.g., joint planning, collaborative teaching, individual CPD) or subject leaders (e.g., action planning, joint monitoring and evaluating, subject health checks). Please contact elaine.williams@lancashire.gov.uk or mike.thompson@lancashire.gov.uk to arrange.