

Derbyshire KS1 Moderation Appeals Procedure 2021/2022

Derbyshire, as a local authority, has the statutory responsibility to ensure teacher assessments are appropriate and consistent with the expectations of national standards and exemplifications. Headteachers are responsible for the submission of accurate teacher assessment data.

Derbyshire has a clear appeals procedure. In the case that a moderator's judgement of a teacher assessment differs from that of the school, the following procedures apply:

Stage 1 – where issues arise during the moderation visit

Every attempt will be made on the day of the moderation visit to reach a positive outcome. If the headteacher does not accept the judgement of the moderator, the moderator will discuss with the headteacher why the judgements are inaccurate. The moderator may recommend, through consultation with the moderation manager, further support to assist the teacher(s) in making accurate assessments. Arrangements will be made for the moderation manager to visit the school, no later than Tuesday 28th June 2022, to re-moderate the samples of work for which agreement has not been reached.

Stage 2

If the headteacher does not accept the judgement of the KS1 moderation manager, they have the right to appeal to an independent panel whose decision will be final. Schools will be entitled to appeal formally, through a letter, to Nicola Smith, Senior Adviser for School Improvement, who will assign the independent panel to examine the samples of work. The headteacher's letter requesting an appeal should be submitted to Nicola Smith no later than Tuesday 28th June 2022. The panel's decision will be communicated in writing to the school as soon as possible, and within three working days of the meeting of the appeals panel.

In line with STA guidance, evidence for the appeal can only be based on that seen by the external moderator during the local authority external moderation visit.

The independent panel:

Sue Myhill, Headteacher Ashover Primary School, Derbyshire

Sarah Lockwood, Headteacher, Holmesdale Infant School, Derbyshire

Liz Kitts, School Improvement Adviser, (KS1) Nottinghamshire (Chair)

The chair of the moderation appeals panel must ensure that the panel is quorate and impartial, that all information relevant to the appeal is presented to the panel and a report on the proceedings and outcome will be made and approved by the chair. The moderation appeals panel will meet on Wednesday 29th June 2022. Notification of the decision made will be sent to the school in writing within three working days of the meeting of the appeals panel.

The panel may reject the appeal where the panel feels that the appeal is unjustified, and the original decision remains.

The panel may accept the appeal and confirm that the teacher judgements are accurate. In the event that a school chooses not to go to appeal and refuses to amend submitted data in line with the outcome of the moderation visit, the school would be referred to the STA maladministration team.