

Interpreting end of year attainment descriptors and effort grades

Explaining attainment descriptors in Year 6

- In all subject areas there are four performance tiers:
 - Emerging** (well below the nationally expected performance)
 - Developing** (slightly below the nationally expected performance)
 - Secure** (performing at the year group the nationally expected performance)
 - Mastery** (performing at a high level; beyond the year group the nationally expected performance).
- To refine more precisely exactly how well pupils are performing the two categories at both ends of the performance spectrum are subdivided into two.
 - Emerging B** indicates the lowest possible performance for that particular year group.
 - Emerging A** is a higher performance standard within the emerging category.
 - Mastery B** represents very high performance within any year group
 - Mastery A** is the higher of the two Mastery performance tiers.

These are the end of year attainment performance tiers for Year 6

Year 6	Assessment level	Comment in relation to the national average
Year 6	Year 6 Emerging B (6EB)	<u>significantly below</u> the nationally expected performance (broadly 18 months, or more, behind)
Year 6	Year 6 Emerging A (6EA)	<u>well below</u> the nationally expected performance for this age (broadly 12 months, or slightly more, behind)
Year 6	Year 6 Developing (6D)	<u>Slightly below</u> the nationally expected performance for this age (broadly 6-9 months behind)
Year 6	Year 6 Secure (6S)	<u>in line with</u> nationally expected performance for this age
Year 6	Year 6 Mastery B (6MB)	<u>well above</u> the nationally expected performance for this age
Year 6	Year 6 Mastery A (6MA)	an outstanding grasp of all the year group objectives, with the ability to apply them with flair and creativity in a wide range of different contexts.

The performance tiers

<p>Emerging B: Less than 25% of the end of year objectives met</p> <p>Emerging A: 25% of the end of year objectives met</p> <p>Developing: Approximately 50% of the end of year objectives met</p> <p>Secure: Approximately 80% of the end of year objectives met</p> <p>Mastery B: 100% of the end of year objectives met</p> <p>Mastery A: An outstanding grasp of all the year group objectives, with the ability to apply them with flair and creativity in a wide range of different contexts.</p>

A pupil can't be assessed 'outside their year group'.

- Our new assessment system **isn't** a continuum. It is a discrete system based upon the underpinning concept of mastery. That means that Year 5 mastery A isn't followed by Year 6 emerging B. Year 6 emerging is **not** a progression from Year 5 mastery. At the start of Year 6 the pupil's baseline performance is Year 5 mastery A. During Year 6 the teacher assesses the pupil on the Year 6 objectives. A pupil **doesn't** have to achieve Year 5 mastery before moving up to Year 6 emerging - as Year 6 emerging isn't a higher performance standard, but a discrete measurement of progress within the Year 6 curriculum.

Effort grades

Attainment and effort are very different measures. The description for the four effort grades at Barnes are as follows:

Outstanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupil displays positive learning behaviour and exceptional commitment all, or virtually all, of the time. • The pupil is inquisitive to learn more, continually uses her initiative and shows a total commitment to self-improvement. • The pupil reads very frequently and completes all, or virtually all, home learning assignments to the best of her ability. • The pupil constantly and consistently does her best.
Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, the pupil is motivated to do well. She tries hard most of the time. Her learning behaviour is good, though it is not yet exceptional. • The pupil shows an interest in learning; sometimes using her own initiative. She shows some interest in self-improvement. • The pupil reads regularly and completes most home learning assignments reasonably well. • The pupil usually does her best.
Satisfactory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupil's learning behaviour and commitment to school learning and home learning are perfectly adequate, but no more. • Her effort is not inadequate, as described below, but she rarely, or only infrequently, exhibits the more mature behaviours described above. • The pupil sometimes does her best, but rarely 'pushes herself'
Requires improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupil's expectations are not sufficiently high. • Her learning behaviour inhibits her from making the progress she is capable of and she is likely to be underachieving. • She can sometimes behave in ways that disrupt others. • Home reading is infrequent and home learning assignments are often not completed, or completed to a low standard. • The pupil rarely does her best.

