

Press release: PM meeting with President of Cyprus: 17 April 2018

The Prime Minister held a bilateral meeting with President Nicos Anastasiades of Cyprus earlier today.

The President updated the Prime Minister on recent discussions on achieving a settlement in Cyprus. The Prime Minister emphasised our strong support for a comprehensive settlement and said the UK stood ready to play its part.

The Prime Minister thanked President Anastasiades for their backing in the European Council for the strong statement on the recent Salisbury attacks and for their ongoing support as the UK works with its allies to reinforce our collective security.

They agreed on the need to maintain the close relationship on defence and security and the Prime Minister said she looked forward to strengthening this through greater co-operation across a range of activities, including military training and search and rescue.

The Prime Minister thanked President Anastasiades for Cyprus' engagement in the Brexit talks so far and said she was keen to maintain and enhance the strong relationship between the two countries as we leave the European Union.

They agreed on the importance of reaching an agreement on the legal framework for our Sovereign Base Areas following our exit from the European Union to avoid any negative impact on Cypriots living and working on the bases.

News story: PM meets South African President Cyril Ramaphosa

The Prime Minister had a bilateral meeting earlier today with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Prime Minister said she was pleased to welcome Mr Ramaphosa to the UK on his first visit as President, noting that the relationship between the UK and South Africa is strong and deep, both bilaterally and as a key Commonwealth partner.

They discussed the potential for reinvigorating and revitalising the partnership between the UK and South Africa, and the Prime Minister noted that the UK stood ready to support South Africa's transformation and national development plan. They agreed that tackling youth unemployment and social

inequality was a key priority.

They agreed an ambition to build on our strong bilateral trade and investment relationship, including as we leave the European Union. The Prime Minister noted that the UK is already the largest investor in South Africa, and that we are firm supporters of the President's drive to attract even more investment to the country.

They agreed £50 million new UK funding across the next four years to help South Africa improve its business environment to make it more attractive to investors including in the UK, and ultimately lift some of the poorest people in South Africa out of poverty by creating jobs and opportunities. The funding will be used to help identify and dismantle barriers to trade within Africa and beyond, creating a wealth of opportunities for UK business over the coming years.

[News story: Change of date for key stage 2 English reading test](#)

Change of date for key stage 2 English reading test – GOV.UK

Primary school teachers are reminded of the change to the order of key stage 2 (KS2) national curriculum tests (commonly called SATs) in May this year.



In autumn last year, we announced that the key stage 2 English reading test would be administered on Tuesday of test week, not Monday as in previous years. This was in response to views expressed about the order of the tests from headteachers and teachers during the 2017 primary assessment consultation.

Key stage 2 test timetable

Date	Subject	Test paper
Monday 14 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1: spelling and Paper 2: questions
Tuesday 15 May	English reading	English reading
Wednesday 16 May	Mathematics	Paper 1: arithmetic and Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 17 May	Mathematics	Paper 3: reasoning

As you are aware, opening test packs early on the wrong day can lead to maladministration investigations, so please share this message with any colleagues involved in the administration of the KS2 tests this year.

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