

11+ FAQs

1. What print size is the enlarged paper on B4?

Approximately 15 pt

2. What would you recommend for a student that need font size 48 pt? Centres have been telling parents of students that we support that this is not available. Centres are telling parents papers cannot be modified or enlarged.

This is beyond the recommended size so discuss alternative assessment. The guidelines outline some potential alternative assessment routes: [guidelines-for-users-of-11plus-tests-for-pupils-with-vision-impairment-final.pdf](#)

3. Which test papers are available in modified large print?

Verbal reasoning, English and Maths.

The following test papers can be produced by GL Assessment:

- standard versions of the full suite (Verbal Reasoning (VR), Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR), Spatial Reasoning (SR), English, Maths) of papers at 12 point on A4 paper;
- enlarged (not modified) versions of the full suite of papers at approximately 15 point on B4 paper, or approximately 17 point on A3 paper;
- modified (enlarged) versions of VR, English and Maths papers at 24 point on A4 paper (*2025 – pilot version not available for all tests*);
- modified (enlarged) versions of the VR, English and Maths papers at about 29 point on B4 paper (*2025 – pilot version not available for all tests*);
- modified (enlarged) versions of the VR, English and Maths papers at about 36 point on A3 paper (*2025 – pilot version not available for all tests*).

Paper type	Question type	Paper size	Print size
Standard print	VR, NVR, SR, English, Maths	A4	12 pt
Large print (LP)	VR, NVR, SR, English, Maths	B4 / A3	15 pt / 17pt
Modified large print (MLP)	VR, English, Maths	A4	24 pt
Enlarged MLP (EMLP)	VR, English, Maths	B4 / A3	29 pt / 36 pt

Please note that there is a lead time of approximately six months to develop a modified large print test, if the test is bespoke for a particular school or local authority. The school or local authority should contact GL Assessment as soon as they become aware of the potential need for this format.

4. Are braille test papers available?

GL Assessment don't produce braille papers. It is recommended in the guidelines that alternative assessment is considered.

5. What is the alternate method for braille learners?

Portfolio of work and assessment by EP – see guidance document: [guidelines-for-users-of-11plus-tests-for-pupils-with-vision-impairment-final.pdf](#)

6. Parents worry that using alternative evidence for assessment will put their child at a disadvantage and the students can't understand why they can't take the test the same as their peers. Even if you tell them this isn't the case.

Communication with the parent and the student is key to help them understand that they'd be at a disadvantage if they sat the standard tests in modified form.

7. Would a candidate who cannot complete all the non-verbal reasoning sections be awarded the sections that he could complete?

If the candidate is unable to complete the NVR questions, then the scores from the other papers can be taken and used alongside a replacement NVR assessment.

If a student is granted an exemption from the NVR section(s) of their test as part of a special arrangement, then GL Assessment may be able to adjust their score to compensate, based on their performance on the other sections of the test. If this approach is being considered, GL Assessment must be consulted by the school to confirm any special analysis arrangements no later than the July prior to the test being sat.

8. Students are entitled to 100% extra time in SATs and rest breaks - can they have rest breaks?

Yes. This is in the guidance

9. Does the same guidance apply to CAT4 assessments too?

CAT 4 is part of the standard portfolio of GL Assessments and there is separate guidance for this: [Downloads - UK - GL Support \(gl-assessment.co.uk\)](https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/downloads-uk-gl-support)

10. Who produces the materials for independent schools Common Entrance?

Independent Schools Examination Board: [ISEB | The exam board at the heart of independent education](https://www.iseb.org/)

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Any comments, updates or suggested improvements are welcome. Please email cypf@rnib.org.uk with Education FAQs as the subject heading.