



KENT TEST

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

2022/2023

Which school for my child?

- Academic Ability: Kent Test
- Grammar or wide ability: selection test
- Distance from home
- Travel implications
- Religious preference
- Practising Christian

Other

- School ethos
- Clubs, activities, family connections etc.

**Main
considerations**

Every school has an Admissions Criteria

Admissions Criteria

- Check the ranking of the criteria for the schools you are interested in. Examples of criteria are:
 - Children in local authority care
 - Pupils with an Educational Health Care Plan
 - Sibling links
 - Distance
 - Medical / disability needs
 - Pupils who qualify for the Pupil Premium Funding
 - Entrance Score (Kent Test)
 - Scholarship

Admissions

Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

Deadline is Monday 31st October

PREFERENCES – (Please read the below before completing your preferences)

- You can name up to 4 schools on this form (minimum 1 – maximum 4)
- If you would like to express reasons for any preferences please attach a separate sheet
- Please check if your preferred school requires a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)
- If you are applying under Medical/Social criterion please provide written evidence directly to the school.
- If the child you are applying for has a Sibling attending one of your preferences please fill in Sibling details

PREFERENCE 1	PREFERENCE 2	PREFERENCE 3	PREFERENCE 4
SCHOOL NAME	SCHOOL NAME	SCHOOL NAME	SCHOOL NAME
LA & DFE NUMBER	LA & DFE NUMBER	LA & DFE NUMBER	LA & DFE NUMBER
TOWN/POSTCODE	TOWN/POSTCODE	TOWN/POSTCODE	TOWN/POSTCODE
SIBLING NAME	SIBLING NAME	SIBLING NAME	SIBLING NAME
DOB	DOB	DOB	DOB
GENDER	GENDER	GENDER	GENDER

Use all 4 preferences – very important.

The Kent Test

The test assesses whether grammar school is a suitable option for your child

How many children are selected for Grammar School each year?

- Approximately 25% of the Year 6 children in Kent will be selected for Grammar school.
- Approximately 23% of them are selected using the test.
- Approximately 2% are selected from appeals.

The Kent Test

Kent County Council



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Kent Test

If you want to apply for a year 7 place at a Kent grammar school, you can register your child for the Kent Test. The test assesses whether grammar school is a suitable option for your child.

If you move to Kent after the Kent Test has taken place, or if your child has not been tested and you want to move them from their current school secondary school to a grammar school, please read our information about [moving to a different school](#).

Register



Test dates



Test paper



Results day



What your score means



Apply for grammar school



Process of Registration

This is the link you will need for registering your child for the test:

Registrations for the **Kent Test** will open on 1 June **2022** and close at midnight on 1 July **2022** for children due to start secondary school in September 2023.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola>

Or contact the admissions team on **03000 41 21 21** to receive a paper registration

The Tests

Thursday 8 September 2022 at school

- English and Maths test - 60 mins multiple choice
- Reasoning 60 mins multiple choice
- Writing task 40 mins*

Use this link to see sample questions and a sample answer sheet.

Familiarisation booklet:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf

Scoring

3 separate scores are given – Maths, English, Reasoning.

- These are age standardised
- They are also combined for an aggregate.
- 2021 Threshold scores to get into a Grammar School: No single score lower than 109. (69 lowest and 143 highest) Combined score of no less than 332

M – 109, E – 108, R – 110, AG - 327 = G

M – 108, E – 104, R – 109, AG – 321 = H

M – 106, E – 106, R – 107, AG – 319 = H

How is the decision made?

School receives test scores in late September.

Headteacher appeal if necessary

- Test scores
- School work/reports
- Writing task
- Headteacher comments

Parents informed of decision Thursday 18th October 2022

The Role of the CAT Tests

- Year 5 pupils have taken Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs)
- These are for our use to see how pupils are performing.
- They take the form of verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests.
- They are an indicator of academic potential.
- Results have been shared with parents.
- These can be used by parents as a measure as to whether your child might have the capacity to access the Kent Test.
- Maths and English score in reports.

Results to families

Results will be emailed on 18th October 2022 and letters will be posted

- The email /letter will indicate suitable for **high school** or **grammar school** (H or G)
- Scores will not be given. Indications of appeals will not be given.
- This information can be obtained from us, after you have received the results.
- If you wish to make a parental appeal, you must wait until a school place has been allocated in March.

Note all dates and links are subject to possible change due the corona virus

Application for Secondary School

Secondary School applications must now be made in the normal way – and submitted by 1st November.

- Name 4 schools
- If you received a “G” result, name grammar schools
- If you received an “H” result but intend to appeal against a high school allocation, name the grammar school you wish to appeal for as one of your 4 choices*

We will be happy to support you in the appeals process

Parental Appeals for Grammar

School places are allocated in **March**. If a child did not achieve the threshold scores on the test, they will be allocated a high school (H) place.

- Parents can then lodge an appeal against the allocation of the school place – based on the fact that a Grammar school place is the most suitable for the child.
- School can provide supporting letters and evidence upon request.
- Appeal panels are held in late May to June

Should my child take the test?

If in doubt, register for your child to take the test – you can withdraw on the day.

Your child's Y5 teacher will advise you as to which type of education your child might be best suited to.

Understand expectations of Grammar School - look at websites and visit them

School test results and SATs levels are good indicators **but the decision is yours!**

What is the school doing to prepare children for the test?

Kent schools are instructed not to prepare or coach children for the test.

We do:

- English & Maths lessons cover National Curriculum - this includes differentiated learning opportunities and challenge tasks.
- We do not teach the Kent Test curriculum
- Learning groups, work ethic & expectation

What can you do?

- Encourage children to do their best and take on challenge every day.

Evidence in their books can be very important. Effort levels, quality of learning and presentation will be key, especially for the appeals.

- Test familiarisation - practice papers are readily available to buy.
- Tutoring can help...
- Some example questions are published on www.kent.gov.uk/ola

The Whole Process...

Register for test

Tests taken

Scores to school

Headteacher Appeal

Results to families

Apply for secondary schools

Secondary school place allocated

Parental Appeal can be lodged

Appeal heard

Finally

- All schools provide similar opportunities - do your research!
- You don't need to go to grammar school to achieve high academic success
- Many routes to same destination
- Parent's decision - talk to your child
- Supportive family – value education!

Do what YOU feel is right for YOUR child

Key dates

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Registration for testing opens	1 st June 2022
Closing date for registration	1 st July 2022
Test date for pupils in Kent primary schools	8th September 2022
Test date for out of county pupils	Saturday 10 th September 2022
Assessment decision sent to parents	18 th October 2022

Key contacts

For any advice relating to admissions and the Kent test:

03000 41 21 21

kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

