

Grammar school Assessment 2018

Admission to Secondary School in September 2019

If you are interested in a place in a Kent grammar school, for a place for September 2019, then you must register for testing. **Registration opens on Friday 1st June 2018 and closes on Monday 2nd July.**

Parents can register their children online, by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/ola or they can request a paper registration form by contacting the Secondary Admissions Team at Kent County Council.

If you do not have access to the Internet at home, please let us know and we can arrange for you to come into school and register using the computers in school.

How does the assessment work?

The children will be assessed on the basis of their performance in **two** nationally-standardised assessment tests and a writing test, for which they will be given **three** test scores- **English, Maths and Reasoning.**

As the tests are designed for selection purposes, some of the children will find it difficult.

KCC say about the tests-

'The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.

The first test will be an English and Maths paper, in multiple choice format and will take 1 hour. There will be 2 separate sections, each with introductory practice items.

The second test will be a reasoning paper, in a multiple choice format. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into 5 short sections, administered and timed individually.

There will also be a writing exercise which will be done under test conditions- 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task.

There may be a need for the children's current work to be used as supporting evidence, so we will be retaining the children's Year 5 work books into the new school year.

There is a familiarisation paper on the Kent website- www.kent.gov.uk and the papers themselves have practice questions included.

The children will take the tests on Thursday 6th September 2018.

A child who gets a grammar school assessment is not guaranteed a grammar school place.

The results for the 2018 Kent Test will be sent out on Thursday **11th October 2018**. You can get your results:

by email: If you registered online we'll email your results **after 4pm**. KCC cannot guarantee the exact time you will receive your email, this will depend on your email service provider

online: You can [log in](#) after 5pm to view your results online

by post: Results will be sent out by first class post on **11th October 2018**

from your primary school: Our school will send out the test scores to the parents after October 15th - KCC cannot give out test scores over the phone. **You can't appeal against your child's Kent Test results**

Your child will get three standardised scores, 1 for English, 1 for maths and 1 for reasoning.

Grammar school threshold

To be given a grammar school assessment in 2017, children needed to get a total score of 320 or more, with no single score lower than 106.

Key information about secondary transfer 2018

All Kent Parents will be asked to complete Kent County Council's 'Secondary Common Application Form' (Kent SCAF) – opens 1st September and needs to be completed by Wednesday 31st October- there is space for 4 preferences.

If more than one of the schools that parents have named can offer a place, the place allocated will be at the available school appearing highest on their list of preferences. If none of the schools named by parents on their form can offer a place, the Local Authority will allocate an alternative school.

Parents will be given the offer of a single school on Friday 1st March 2019- online notifications will arrive by e-mail after 4 pm on 1st March. Letters are also posted first class on the same day.

Parents are then asked to accept or decline the place offered to their child by Friday 15th March.