



Tuesday 14th June 2022

Dear year 5 parents,

I am writing to remind you that you need to register your child for the Kent Test by the end of June should you wish them to take the test. I wrote about this in my Friday letter a couple of weeks ago.

The Kent Test is the 11 plus and is the route to attending a grammar school, if that is what you want for your child. They will need to sit and pass the test and then this enables them to apply for a grammar school place.

The information regarding the test is below.

## **Kent Test**

Registration for the Kent Test for children due to start secondary school in September 2023 opened on Wednesday 1 June 2022 and will close at midnight on Friday 1 July 2022. We cannot accept late registrations. Assessment is normally done through testing during the autumn term. This year, the tests are due to take place on Thursday 8 September 2022 for pupils in Kent primary schools, and on Saturday 10 September for other pupils. Any reference to 'Kent Test' or 'registration' does not guarantee when or if testing will take place.

## **Who can take the Kent Test**

Children currently in Year 5 who were born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 can take the 2022 Kent Test. If your child is outside this age range but is expected to

transfer to secondary school in September 2023, please email [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk).

## Things to consider before you register

- The test is only valid for Kent grammar schools. Medway Council has its own [Medway Test](#) and London Borough of Bexley has its own [Bexley selection test](#).
- Being grammar assessed in the Kent Test does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent grammar school.

## If your child has SEND

If your child has special educational needs or a disability that may affect the way they access the test, you need to discuss this with your current school's [special educational needs coordinator](#) (SENCO) as soon as possible. Any proposal for alternative access requirements must be made by the school by 12 July 2022.

When you register your child for the Kent Test online, you will need to confirm if you have discussed a request for access arrangements with your child's school.

The Kent Test will take place on:

- Thursday 8 September 2022 for children who go to school in Kent

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 and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a

25 minute test. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

The second test will be a reasoning paper. 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 short sections, administered and timed individually.

There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

**To register your child for the test**

**Please visit:** <https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>

**For more information please visit:** <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

If you have any queries please talk to your child's class teacher or email me at [exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk)

Kind regards,

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