

Kent Test

For Children Starting
Secondary School
in September 2020



Is your child currently in Year 5?

*Do you wish your child to sit the
Kent grammar school test?*

If the answer is yes to both of these
questions, you must register your child's
details between 3 June and 3 July 2019

Register Online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola

The Kent Test will take place in
September 2019



Frequently asked questions

How do I register my child's details?

It is easiest to register online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. If you do not have a computer, you can access the website from libraries or internet cafes and some Kent primary schools may be offering parents the opportunity to use their facilities.

Alternatively, you can request a paper registration form by contacting the Secondary Admissions Team on 03000 41 21 21 or via e-mail at kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk or you can visit www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to print off a blank form which you can complete and return to us by post, enclosing SAE if you would like your postal registration acknowledged.

Can my child take the Kent Test if we don't live in Kent?

The Kent Test is for children born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 who are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel and other Crown Servants returning to the UK, and who want to apply for a Year 7 place at a grammar school in the Kent LA area for September 2020. Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent LA area.

If you live outside Kent and your child does not attend a Kent primary school, please consider carefully before registering whether your child will be able to attend a testing session in Kent on the morning of Saturday 14 September, and how they would get to school in Kent if they were offered a grammar school place.

When will I know my child's assessment decision?

If you have registered and provided a valid e-mail address, you will receive your child's assessment decision via e-mail after 4pm on 17 October 2019. We will also post assessment decision letters to all parents/guardians by first class post on 17 October 2019.

How do I apply for a Kent grammar school?

You must make your application for any Kent grammar school on your home LA's common application form. The national closing date for completing a Secondary Common Application form is 31 October 2019, but you should check when your own LA wants you to return the form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school?

No, a Kent grammar school assessment does not guarantee that your child will be offered a Kent grammar school place. Like other schools, grammar schools are often oversubscribed. If more children qualify for places than a school can accommodate, it will apply its oversubscription criteria to decide which children it can take. If your child does not get the place you want, you will be able to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and/or join the school's waiting list.

When will I know which school my child will be offered?

All LAs will send out offers of school places on 2 March 2020. A Kent grammar school cannot consider your child for a place unless you have named that school on your common application form, your child has taken the Kent Test and has been assessed suitable for grammar school.

I need more advice. Who should I contact?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low income families can be found on our website, www.kent.gov.uk. If your child is outside the age range for the test or your faith means that your child cannot take tests on a Saturday you can contact the Secondary Admissions Team by phone on 03000 41 21 21 or by e-mail on kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

The Kent Grammar Schools

Barton Court Grammar School
Borden Grammar School
Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School
Cranbrook School
Dane Court Grammar School
Dartford Grammar School
Dartford Grammar School for Girls
Dover Grammar School for Boys
Dover Grammar School for Girls
Folkestone School for Girls
Gravesend Grammar School
Harvey Grammar School
Highsted Grammar School
Highworth Grammar School
Invicta Grammar School
The Judd School
Maidstone Grammar School
Maidstone Grammar School for Girls
Mayfield Grammar School
The Norton Knatchbull School
Oakwood Park Grammar School
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School
Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys
Sir Roger Manwood's School
The Skinners' School
Tonbridge Grammar School
Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School
Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys
Weald of Kent Grammar School
Wilmington Grammar School for Boys
Wilmington Grammar School for Girls

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