



Procedure for Entrance to Secondary School

Greenfields Community Primary School

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Entrance to Secondary School

- ▶ The Kent Test (11+) process
- ▶ Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

The Kent Test (11+)

- ▶ Any child interested in a Kent Grammar School place for September 2026 must register for testing by Tuesday 1st July 2025.
- ▶ Registration through:
 - ▶ Online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola (support available from school). Please be careful when selecting the school from the drop down menu!
 - ▶ Download a Kent Test registration form
 - ▶ Call 03000 412121 (ask for Secondary Admissions Team) or email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk to request a form
 - ▶ Tests will take place in school on Thursday 11th September 2025

What is the Kent Test made up of?

- ▶ All the tests are on the same day. NO practice session
- ▶ Test 1 - Multiple choice English and Maths paper with a separate answer sheet. The English test is the first section. The test will take an hour. English section will include a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions to test general literacy skills
- ▶ Test 2 - Multiple choice reasoning paper. This will take approximately an hour including practice questions. Will contain verbal reasoning and a non-verbal reasoning section. Non-verbal reasoning will be split into four sections, administered and timed individually.
- ▶ Writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used when reviewing borderline cases. 40 minutes will be allowed including 10 minutes planning time

What can you do to help?

- ▶ Familiarisation with verbal and non-verbal reasoning
- ▶ Responding to writing prompts
- ▶ Timing of the tests - children need to know how quickly they have to work to get through the test
- ▶ ‘Good’ level in all of the tests
- ▶ Current attainment levels - recommend that children are working above the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. Consider pressures at Grammar School after the Kent Test.
- ▶ Understanding of exam techniques e.g. which one/s can’t it be?
- ▶ There are some free sample papers on the KCC website [Kent Test - Kent County Council](#)

Kent Test results

- ▶ If your child takes the Kent Test, the local authority will let you know whether they have been successful on Thursday 16th October 2025
- ▶ The score for a successful assessment is slightly different every year
- ▶ Pass marks are adjusted slightly to allow for a child's age when they take the test - done through statistical standardisation
- ▶ A standardised score of 100 represents an average performance for a child of a given age

Kent Test results cont'd

- ▶ Your child will get 3 standardised scores; one for English, one for Maths and one for Reasoning AND a total aggregate score
- ▶ Thresholds 2024 (as an example): to be given a grammar school assessment, children needed a total score of 332 or more with no single score lower than 106.
- ▶ The lowest possible score on the different tests is 69.
- ▶ The highest possible score on each test is 141 so the highest possible total score is 423.
- ▶ If your child doesn't reach the threshold score but their school referred their case to the local Head Teacher Assessment Panel, the panel will have looked at their achievement in school including examples of their work and the writing task from assessment day before making a final decision.

Kent Test Results cont'd

- ▶ Children that pass the test are NOT guaranteed a place at Grammar School.
- ▶ There is no parental right of appeal against the outcome of a child's assessment.
- ▶ **ALL children need to apply for a secondary school place.**

Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

- ▶ Complete online - applications open in September . Please let us know if we can help.
- ▶ You can indicate 4 preferred Secondary schools in order of preference. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give them any kind of priority. If you only put down one school and are unsuccessful your child will be placed in the nearest available school place. This may be a significant distance away.
- ▶ *Please note, if you wish your child to be considered for a Grammar school place, even if they did not pass the Kent Test, you must include it on your form as a preference.*
- ▶ *The closing date for submission of the SCAF is Friday 31st October 2025 (you will have the Kent Test results before this - 16th October).*

What happens?

- ▶ Kent local authority pass all Kent secondary schools an electronic list of children who have named them as a preference without indicating if they were 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th choice.
- ▶ Secondary schools apply their published criteria (including the Kent Test where appropriate) before returning the list in priority order to the local authority. Admissions criteria are published on school websites if you wish to refer to these.
- ▶ If more than one school offers a place the parents will be allocated the school that was given as their highest preference.
- ▶ **Parents are notified by email on Monday 2nd March 2026 (after 4pm) of the school they have been offered. Letters will be posted on offer day**

What next?

- ▶ Parents are asked to accept or decline the place offered by Monday 16th March 2026. *It is recommended that you accept.*
- ▶ All oversubscribed schools keep a waiting list ranked according to the published criteria. You can ask to be placed on a waiting list (there will be a form available for this with your offer pack). The deadline for inclusion on a waiting list is Thursday 19th March 2026.
- ▶ When a school has not reached, or has fallen below, PAN (published admission numbers), the waiting list will be used to allocate vacant places to eligible applicants.
- ▶ You can make an appeal to the school that you want as long as you included it on your preference form (appeals have to be lodged by Monday 30th March 2026)

Important dates

- ▶ 1st July 2025 - Closing date to register for Kent Test
- ▶ 11th September 2025 - Kent Tests in school
- ▶ 16th October 2025 - Assessment decision sent to parents
- ▶ 31st October 2025 - NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS
- ▶ 2nd March 2026 - National offer day - e-mails sent after 4pm
- ▶ 16th March 2026 - Closing date for waiting list requests
- ▶ 16th March 2026 - Date for places to be accepted or declined
- ▶ 30th March 2026 - Closing date for appeals