# **Kent Test**

## For Children Starting Secondary School

in September 2021





If you wish to receive a paper registration form, please contact the Secondary Admissions Team on 03000 41 21 21 or email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

You can also print off a copy of the form from www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to complete and return.

#### The Kent Grammar Schools

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# Is your child currently in Year 5?

Do you want your child to take the Kent test?

If the answer is yes to both of these questions, you must register your child's details between 1 June and 1 July so that they can take the Kent Test in September 2020.

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



#### Frequently asked questions

#### Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 who want to apply for a Year 7 place at a grammar school in the Kent LA area for September 2021 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel and other Crown Servants returning to the UK.

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 12 September, and how they would get to school in Kent if they were offered a grammar school place.

#### 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 smart phone or computer, you can go online from libraries or internet cafes, or your child's primary school may be able to help you.

Prefer paper? You can ask the Secondary Admissions Team to send you a paper form by ringing them on 03000 41 21 21 or emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk, or visit www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to print off a blank form to fill in and return to us by post, enclosing SAE if you would like your postal registration acknowledged.

#### 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 15 October 2020. We will also post assessment decision letters to all parents/guardians by first class post on 15 October 2020.

#### How do I apply for a Kent grammar school?

By listing that Kent grammar school among your preferences on your home LA's common application form. The national closing date for completing a Secondary Common Application form is 31 October 2020, 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, so read these carefully. 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 1 March 2021. 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.

#### Need more advice?

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.