



Reculver CE Primary
School

Kent Test Arrangements

September 2021

Key Dates

If you wish your child to sit the Kent Grammar school test then you must register your child's details

- ▶ Registration opens- 1st June 2021.
- ▶ Registration closes- 1st July 2021.
- ▶ All pupils registered for the Kent Test will take the tests on Thursday 9th September 2021.
- ▶ Assessment decision e-mail sent to parents in October – the date is yet to be released.

Online Registration

- ▶ Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to register for the Kent Test online via

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

- ▶ The Kent Admissions team are encouraging parents to use the online registration, as this will enable you to receive the assessment decision by e-mail.
- ▶ If this is an issue for you, someone from school will be able to assist you with this.

So how can we help you make an informed decision?

- ▶ In May all pupils are sitting Cognitive Assessment Tests (CAT tests)
- ▶ There are 4 subject areas in the CAT tests: Verbal (which equates loosely to Literacy); Non-Verbal (Pattern Awareness), Quantitative (Numeracy) and Spatial. Ideally your child needs to score well in all 4 subjects, not just one or even two papers to be a suitable candidate for the Kent Test.
- ▶ The guide from CATs suggests that anything about 110 in each area is above average.
- ▶ Remember the CAT scores are only a guide.

CAT SCORES

- ▶ We have sent home the results of the CAT tests which we hope will help inform your decision making about registering for the KENT TEST.
- ▶ If you need to, you can speak with your child's class teacher to discuss the scores.
- ▶ If you would like an appointment with the class teacher or leadership team to discuss your child's scores and any guidance as to whether Grammar School may be the right choice for your child then please contact the school office to make an appointment.

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- ▶ Test 1 will be an English and maths paper in multiple-choice format. The English test is the first section which will involve a 5 minute practice session and 25 minutes worth of comprehension and additional questions to test literacy skills.
- ▶ New instructions will precede the maths paper with a 5 minute practice session and 25 minutes of multiple choice questions. These are quite difficult and may cover some aspects of maths that your child has not done before.

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- ▶ Test 2 will be a reasoning paper in multiple-choice format. This will take an hour to administer, including the practice drills and questions.
- ▶ The paper will contain a reasoning section and non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length.
- ▶ There will also be a writing exercise with 40 minutes being allowed for the task and 10 minutes for planning.

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- ▶ Each of the 3 sections will be scored out of a possible 141.
- ▶ The lowest possible score is 69.
- ▶ The pass mark varies each year – last year it was an overall score of 322 and no one score could be lower than a score of 108 - so the children have to do consistently well in all papers.

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- ▶ If your child does not pass, the school will have a professional discussion to decide if the individual has an adequate score to be taken to the Headteacher Assessment Panel or has underperformed on the day for a variety of reasons
- ▶ The pupil's CATs scores, the writing assessment along with various pieces of work that demonstrate their capabilities would be submitted at Headteacher appeal to assess suitability for Grammar School.
- ▶ It is vital that your child works extra hard this term and ensures their work demonstrates their full potential.

The Kent Test – Preparation

- ▶ It is for the parent/carer to decide if or how much preparation is done at home.
- ▶ Familiarising children with the type of questions will give them a greater opportunity to show their capabilities.
- ▶ There is a familiarisation paper in the same format as the test here

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test> Familiarisation tests

- ▶ Lots of resources and books are available online and in stores such as the Bond Assessment tests and Letts and GL Assessment 11+ papers



► More information can be found here

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

Do get in touch with us if we can be of further help.