



# The Kent Procedure 2017/18



## Overview

Application for a school place

Tests

Selection Process

# Timescale



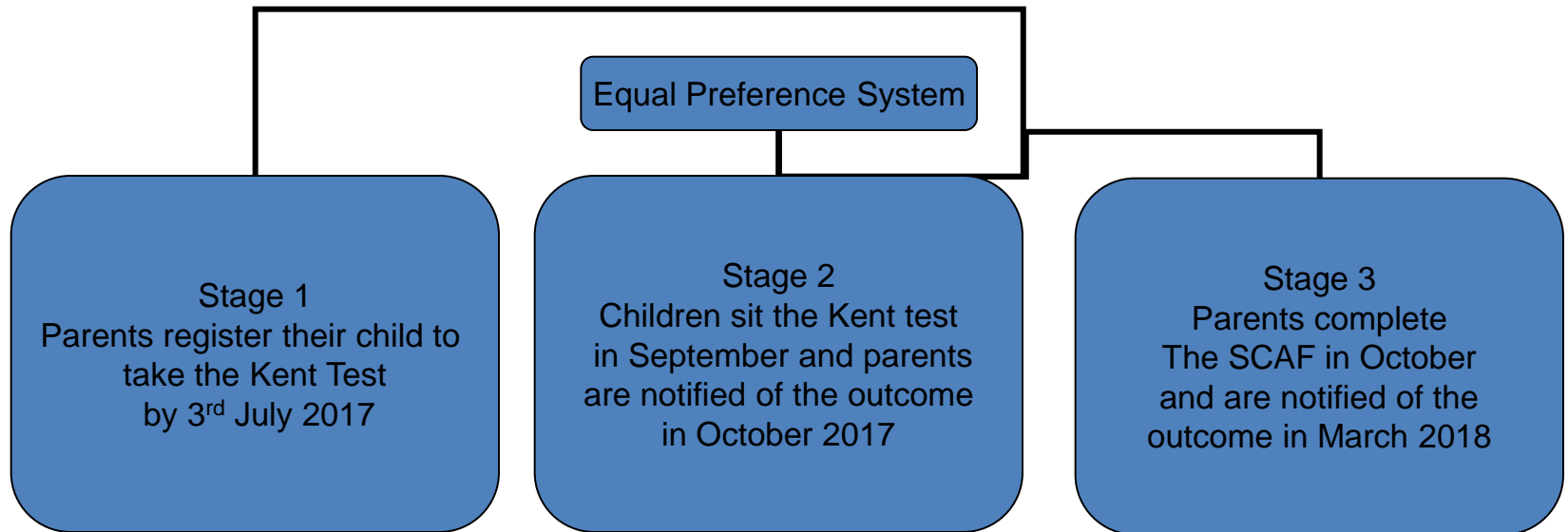
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 - register your child for testing  
<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>
- Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 All tests take place
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - The decision regarding placement at Grammar or High School posted or emailed (letters to arrive on 13<sup>th</sup> October)
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - Closing date for SCAF form
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018- Offer letter posted to parents (letters to arrive Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018)

## The LEA will act as a clearing house for all applications

1. Where a child is eligible for a place at only one of the nominated schools, that school will be offered.
2. Where a child is eligible for a place at two or more of the nominated schools, they will be allocated a place at whichever of these is the highest ranked preference.
3. Where a child is not eligible for a place at any of the nominated schools, the child will be allocated a place at the nearest appropriate school with a vacancy.

- You can only appeal to a school you have nominated on your child's SCAF form.
- Parents must confirm their acceptance of the school offered
- If you are refused a place at your preferred school you can request to be placed on a waiting list or could appeal against the decision

# In Summary



# How PESE Test Works

- New test introduced in 2015 produced by Granada Learning Assessment
- No Practice test – just practice questions
- English and Maths Test in multiple choice format (c.60 minutes plus admin time, two separate sections each with introductory practice items, English first);
- Reasoning Test in multiple choice format (c.60 minutes plus admin time, one Verbal-Reasoning section and four Non-Verbal, separately timed with introductory practice items.)
- Writing exercise 40 mins

# Non-Verbal + Spatial Reasoning

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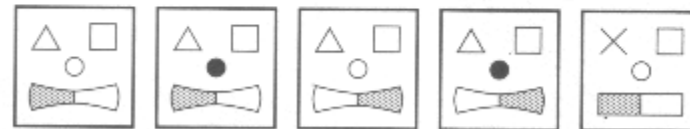
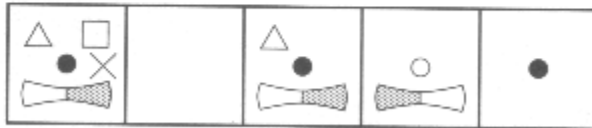
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# Verbal Reasoning

This tests the children's ability to reason with words and language

Find the next pair of letters in this sequence: CQ  
DQ EP FP ....

Answer: **GO**

If the code for FOOT is **ENNS**, what is the code for  
**TOE**?

Answer: **SND**



# Mathematics

This test is similar to the end of Year 6 tests, however the answers are multiple-choice.

The prominent difference is that questions will push for the higher ability to calculate and reason.

# Writing

This test is a short writing activity under test conditions. This test will only be looked at where a child's test scores are just below the threshold for grammar selection. This will not be marked and will not affect your child's standardised score.

# To be selected as suitable for grammar school

- It is likely your child will need to score an aggregate of over 320 in all tests to be assessed as grammar.
- The threshold for grammar selection is now around 106 on each test.
- Please note: this is different to our internal CAT tests where the grammar threshold would be between 118-120
- If your child falls just below the threshold, and the Head Teacher decides to make an appeal, their writing task will be considered as further evidence alongside work in school books.

# Dover Girls and Boys Entrance Tests

- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - entrance test for Dover Girls and Boys Grammar Schools
- You need to register separately by 3<sup>rd</sup> July for Dover Boys and 7<sup>th</sup> July for Dover Girls Grammar to sit the Dover Tests.
- Usually four tests between 25 and 50 minutes each
- Verbal Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning  
Mathematics and English.
- Contact the schools directly or check websites for dates of open evenings and registration forms.

# St Edmunds

- Open evening Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June - 5pm-8pm

# Goodwin Academy

- TBC.. See Website for further details.

# Sandwich Technology School

- Warden House is a named feeder primary school for Sandwich Technology School
- Children are also able to be registered for the aptitude test and the school hold 10% places for this test. ( If you wish your child to sit the aptitude test you need to register your child to sit the test with the school)

# What happens next?

- If you wish your child to attend a grammar school you must register them for the Kent Test by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
- Ensure you look at all the schools you are interested in, if you are interested in Dover Boys or Girls, enrol to take their entrance tests.
- The decision is yours, although you must involve your child in the discussions and hear their opinions.



# Contacts

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

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# Finally



This can be a potentially pressure laden time for you and your child. Use our advice and guidance, talk to one another about the issues.

When we visit our Year 7 children, children are always well settled and enjoy the new chapter in their education!

