



The Kent Secondary Admissions Procedure 2018/19



Overview

- **Application for a school place**
 - **Tests**
 - **Selection Process**

Timescale



- 1st June – 2nd July 2018 - register your child for testing
<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>
- Thurs. 6th September 2018 All tests take place
- Thurs 11th October 2018 - The decision regarding placement at Grammar or High School posted or emailed (letters to arrive on 12th October)
- Wednesday 31st October 2018 – Closing date for SCAF form
- Friday 1st March 2019 - Offer letter posted to parents (letters to arrive on or after 2nd March 2019)

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

Stage 1

Parents register their child to take the Kent Test by 2nd July 2018

Stage 2

Children sit the Kent test in September and parents are notified of the outcome in October 2018

Stage 3

Parents complete The SCAF in October and are notified of the outcome in March 2019

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, one non-verbal reasoning and one special reasoning test.
- Writing exercise 40 mins

Non- Verbal + Spatial Reasoning

<p>11</p> 	 <p>a b c d e</p>
<p>12</p> 	 <p>a b c d e</p>

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 based on the older pre-2015 tests.
- 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 8th September 2018 - entrance test for Dover Girls and Boys Grammar Schools
- You need to register separately by 2nd July for Dover Boys and Friday 6th 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.
- Dover Girls Details: <https://goo.gl/qLv7yk>
- Dover Boys Details: <https://goo.gl/R1pML2>

Sir Roger Manwood's School

- Open Mornings take place from 9am on the mornings of
- Wednesday 26th September
- Tuesday 16th October
- Thursday 18th October

- Each sessions ends with a talk from the Headteacher.

- Open Evening Takes Place on Thursday 27th September 2018
- Guided tours from 5:30pm-7pm.
- Further Information can be found at: <https://goo.gl/ykS21q>

St Edmunds, Dover

- Open evening Thursday 29th June - 5pm-8pm
- In addition, St Edmund's Catholic School Supplementary Application Form (SIF) will need to be completed and returned to the Admissions Secretary at St Edmund's Catholic School.

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 technological aptitude test and the school hold 10% places for this test. (If you wish your child to sit the technological aptitude test you need to register your child to sit the test with the school)
- <https://goo.gl/68t5TT>

What happens next?

- If you wish your child to attend a grammar school you must register them for the Kent Test by Monday 2nd 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.
- Remember, 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>

or email

headteacher@warden-house.kent.sch.uk



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!

