

Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2023

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you would like to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Opens Wednesday 1 June 2022 and closes at midnight on Friday 1 July 2022

Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who would like to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2023 and are resident in the UK or are children of UK Service Personnel and other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). **Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area.** If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest and create an online account. You are the parent/guardian, you then need to add your child's details to the account before starting a registration. When you have completed the process and submitted your registration you should receive a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly.

What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements.

What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside of Kent, we will email you the details of their test centre by the end of August. Email us if your child changes primary school, moves house or you change your email address. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

Apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee that your child will be offered a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning they receive more applications than there are available places. Schools use their admissions criteria to rank all applicants in priority order, so it's important to read the admissions criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you will be able to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to join the school's waiting list.

Key dates

Wednesday 1 June 2022	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Friday 1 July 2022	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your allocated test centre.
Thursday 8 September 2022	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 10 September 2022	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent, or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Tuesday 18 October 2022	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent to the email address used to register the child, after 4pm.

Need help?

Further information about the test and transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk. If your child is outside of the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

For help registering please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your log in details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

