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Dear Parents of children in Year 5,

You may be starting to think about secondary schools for your child. If you are considering a grammar school you will need to register online, for your child to take the Kent test, this is done through the Kent County Council website.

**Kent Test, the online registration opens on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 and closes Midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.**

The Kent tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.

The first test will be an English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.

There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

Familiarisation paper - this link gives an idea of what the test is like.

[https://www.kent.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf](https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf)

Schools cannot coach the children for the tests it is down to parents to familiarise and practise tests outside of school. There are many commercial test resources available. KCC suggest using GL Assessment (link below) some of which are free.

<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/11plus-familiarisation-materials/>

The children in Year 5 have sat a CAT test (cognitive ability test), in April 2024, which is a good indicator to suitability for taking the Kent test. Miss Ellis and I have the children's scores from the CAT test and will be able to talk parents through the results if you are considering the Kent test.

All the tests will be on one day which will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

If you require any further information please contact either Miss Ellis, Mrs Murray or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Pearson