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Dear Parent/Carer,

Kent Test Information

Normally I would hold an information session which is an opportunity for you to ask any questions before you make a decision to register your child for the Kent Test. Unfortunately this cannot happen this year, for obvious reasons.

However I have put a Power Point on the school website in the parent section under the tab Kent Test which will hopefully answer some of your questions.

<https://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Kent+Test+Information&pid=88>

This is based on how things were last year as I have not been given any further information from the Local Authority, so it does all need to be taken with the caveat that this may not happen this year in this way.

We have been asked to share this link with you which is where you will find the most up to date information as it is released. www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Kent Test 2020

Registration opens on 1st June 2020 and closes on 1st July 2020 and parents will be able to register their child online at;

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

A familiarisation paper is also available on the Kent website;

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-3>.

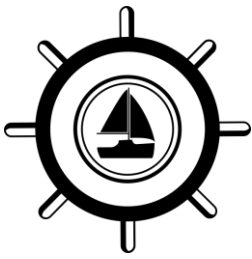
On the same page of KCC's website you will find a link to free resources;

<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/11plus-series-11-plus-practice-papers/11plus-familiarisation-materials/> this takes you to the GL Assessment website, which the publishers have made available for the benefit of families who cannot purchase commercially-available materials.

The published Kent Test date for 2020 is **10th September** but this may change.

The published date for results is **15th October 2020** but this may need to change.





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Pupils with Additional or Special Educational Needs:

Any child with an EHC Plan who wants consideration for a grammar school place will need to register for testing by 1st July, like other children.

If you feel your child requires any special arrangements please contact school and we will discuss your child's needs with you. It is then the school's responsibility to contact the Admissions Team by 10 July 2020 to apply for comfort adjustments (such as changing the appearance of the papers or allowing for separate supervision or rest breaks) or additional time.

The Admissions Team make it clear that;

“Special arrangements are not offered to enable children to get the highest score they possibly can: they are provided only where the severity of the child's difficulties means that, though academically able, they cannot reasonably be expected to attempt the tests in standard format or under the prescribed conditions.”

Under normal circumstances we would have a parents evening where you would have the opportunity to discuss your child and their scores from recent Cognitive Ability Tests. These tests have not been able to be carried out, however if you would like to talk to your child's class teacher regarding how they were doing up to the point of school closures please use the link below to register your availability for a phone call from them next week. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RVJTZM8>

Finally, I understand that this is a very unusual and unsettling time for parents and should you have any questions you think I might be able to help you with please contact the school and I will do my best to support you.

Kind regards,
Annie Knoupe
Headteacher

