



Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Kent Test Information

As you are aware, your child is going to be taking the Kent Test on Thursday 15th October. To ensure that everyone is as prepared and as happy as they can be, we just wanted to let you know of the arrangements for the day and what your child can expect.

On the day they may bring with them (providing these items will not act as a distraction):

- a cushion to sit on,
- a stop watch, or timer, if they are used to using one (on silent of course),
- healthy snacks to help keep their mind focused,
- a bottle with water in,
- a small good luck mascot or similar.

In order to continue to ensure that we are adhering to our COVID risk assessment, myself and Mrs Hitchmough will be on the gate in the morning to collect the year 6 children; those children taking the Kent Test will follow me to the hall and those not taking the test will remain in Year 6 with Mrs Hitchmough. All classrooms will have been thoroughly cleaned the night before to allow for mixing.

Once the children who are taking the test are settled in the hall, I shall explain the order of events for the day in more detail and answer any questions they may have. So that all children are treated equally, we will then provide a small breakfast snack and drink for all the year 6 children; however this should not replace their actual breakfast.

For your information, we hold the tests in the school hall, whereby the children will be sat in alphabetical order, in rows, not facing each other and at a safe distance apart. They will be able to see a clock and the start and finish times of each test, plus be given a 10 minute and 5 minute warning. We ensure there is plenty of adult supervision throughout the day so that all children will gain support quickly and effectively if required. The day starts with the English and Maths tests, followed by the reasoning papers, with breaks in between. We then complete the 30 minute writing paper after lunch.

Should your child have been given any special considerations and therefore have slightly different arrangements, then you will have been informed by Ms Collin prior to this letter and your child will have their arrangements fully explained to them before the day. This is purely to ensure that all children have the same opportunities and is based on their specific needs which have been previously identified.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact myself, Ms Collin or Mrs Knoupe before Thursday 15th October.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Roy

Assistant Head and Upper School Phase Lead.