



Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Kent Test Information 2023

As you are aware, your child is going to be taking the Kent Test on Thursday 7th September. To ensure that everyone is as prepared and as happy as they can be, we just wanted to let you know of the arrangements and what your child can expect.

Prior to the day of the test:

I will meet with the children on Tuesday 5th September to allow them to ask me any questions and to ensure that I have the correct list of children completing the test; this ensures that I can discuss any changes and contact parents/carers if necessary. ***To avoid any confusion, should you have decided to withdraw your child from the test, please can you let the office know asap.***

On the day of the test your child may bring with them the following items (providing these items will not act as a distraction):

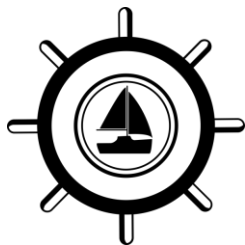
- a cushion to sit on,
- a stop watch, or timer, if they are used to using one (on silent of course),
- healthy snacks to help keep their mind focused (in a container that does not make a noise),
- a bottle with water in,
- a small good luck mascot or similar.

On the day of the test, the children should arrive at the normal time of 8:30am, through the bottom gate and go up to their classroom as usual. Once the registers have been completed and we know that we have everyone, we will begin the tests. Should you be unavoidably late on the morning of the test, please do not rush or worry, instead please call the office as soon as possible and then come straight to the top gate where we will be able to register your child and make arrangements for the tests to be completed that day.

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. 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. We are also joined by an adjudicator from another school to oversee proceedings. 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 require Special Arrangements to access the test (as previously discussed with you and agreed by the Local Authority) and therefore have slightly different arrangements, then you will have already been informed by Ms Collin and your child will have their arrangements fully explained to them before the day. These special arrangements are agreed by the local authority and are purely to ensure that all children have the same





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opportunities; the decisions are made 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 Ms Kent before Thursday 7th September.

Kind regards,
Kate Roy
Assistant Headteacher

