



# Kent Test (P.E.S.E) Information.

Aims of the session:

1. To explain what the Kent Test is.
2. To share some examples of the types of questions your child will need to answer.
3. To explain the application process.
4. To guide you towards a range of resources to support your child.
5. To answer any questions you may have.



# Kent Test

## What is it?

A test that the children sit in September 2019. Children that attain the pass mark will have the opportunity to attend a Grammar School.

**Dane Court Grammar School  
Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School**

*“The Kent test is designed to assess whether grammar school is a suitable option for you. The questions in the test have been designed and written by experts in order to see how you perform using different types of reasoning skills and also to test your ability in English and maths. “ – Kent Test Familiarisation Booklet 2019.*



# Kent Test

**Date of Test:**

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.**

**How is the test structured?**

The test takes 1 day to complete and consists of the following:

Verbal Reasoning

Non-verbal Reasoning

Mathematics

English



# Reasoning

The Reasoning Test looks at how well you can work out and apply rules and relationships between words, numbers and shapes. You will use certain skills to do this.

## **The Reasoning Test itself has three sections:**

- One testing how well you can think using words and symbols (verbal reasoning);
- One testing how well you can think about relationships between shapes and patterns (non-verbal reasoning);
- One testing how well you can manipulate shapes and space in your head (spatial reasoning).



# Reasoning

## How long does the Reasoning test last?

The whole test takes around 1 hour.

The verbal reasoning section of the test has a timed practice section of 10 minutes.

The test itself takes 20 minutes.

The non-verbal and spatial reasoning tests are divided into subtests – smaller sections, each of which starts with an untimed practice section which you will go through with the invigilator. The questions themselves are timed, with each of the subtests taking 4–5 minutes to complete.



# Verbal Reasoning

## What do the questions look like?

### Verbal Reasoning

*In these questions, the same letter must fit into both sets of brackets, to complete the word in front of the brackets and begin the word after the brackets.*

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Example

dis [?] urt

muc [?] ole

A p

B h

C e

D s

E k

*The answer is **h** (the four new words are **dish**, **hurt**, **much** and **hole**) and this has been marked on the answer sheet on page 15. Now try the practice question below:*



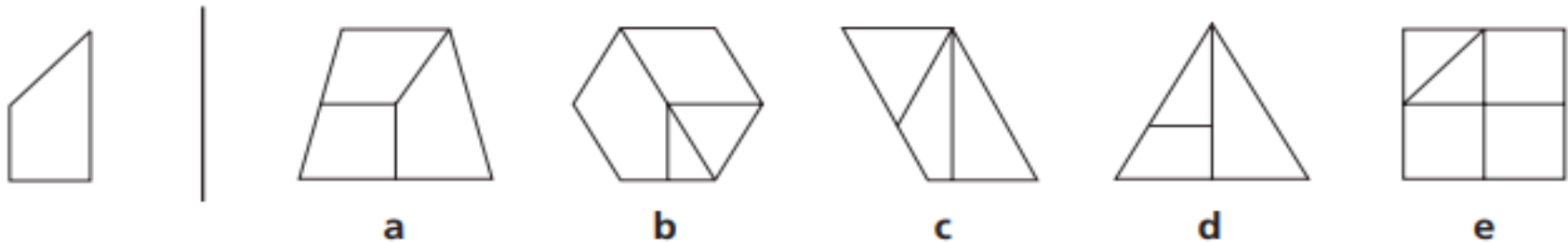
# Spatial Reasoning

## Spatial Reasoning

These questions contain hidden shapes. The shape on the left is the target. The target is hidden in one of the five shapes to the right of the line. **It is exactly the same size and same way round where it is hidden.** All of the sides of the target must be visible in the shape where it is hiding. Choose which of the five shapes contains the hidden target and **mark its letter on your answer sheet.**

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**Example**



*The answer is e. The hidden target is shown in bold below so that you can clearly see this, and the answer e has been marked on the answer sheet on page 15.*



# Non-Verbal Reasoning

## Non-Verbal Reasoning

To the left in the row of shapes below there are five squares arranged in order. One of these squares has been left empty. Find which one of the five squares on the right should **take the place** of the empty square and **mark its letter on your answer sheet**.

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**Example: Complete the series**



**a**

**b**

**c**

**d**

**e**

*The answer is **a**. This series has two rules. Firstly, the triangle flips over to point up, then down, then up etc. Secondly, the striped bar moves down a row each time until it gets to the bottom of the triangle when it moves up again. Therefore the missing shape must be a triangle pointing down with the striped bar two rows down. The answer **a** has been marked on the answer sheet on page 15. Now try the practice question below:*





# English and Maths

## What will I be tested on?

The English & Maths test looks at your skill in these subjects (sometimes also called literacy and numeracy), drawing on what you have been taught in lessons.

## How long does the test last?

The whole test takes around 1 hour, with 25 minutes for the English section (plus 5 minutes practice) and 25 minutes for the Maths section (plus 5 minutes practice).



# English

*In this question you have to choose the best word, or group of words, to complete the sentence so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. You should choose one of the five answers and mark its letter on the answer sheet below.*

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## Example

The letter was stained and crumpled but in the bright moonlight I could still

almost every word.  
**A** **B** **C** **D** **E**

*The answer is **d** because **read** is the word that makes the best sense in the sentence as a whole. 'Reed', 'red' and 'wrote' don't make sense grammatically, whereas 'write' is grammatically correct but doesn't make as much sense as 'read' does in the sentence as a whole. Therefore **read** is the correct answer and **d** has been marked on the answer sheet on page 15. Now try the practice question below:*

**There are also a number of questions that will test children's understanding of a text that they have read.**



# Maths

## Maths

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### Practice

I think of a number.  
I then double it.  
Next I subtract 6.  
The answer is 14.

**What was the number I started with?**

**A** 16

**B** 22

**C** 4

**D** 40

**E** 10

*Work out the correct answer and mark it on the answer sheet.*





# Writing

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.



# Registration:

## KENT TEST REGISTRATION FORM

For pupils born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009



Please ensure that you have read KCC's Admissions Privacy Notice at [www.kent.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.kent.gov.uk/privacy) before completing this form

Please complete section in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Child's details	
Forename	Surname
DOB DD MM YEAR	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Child's address	Child's Current School
Postcode	LA & DFE Number
	Town/Postcode

Further information	
MY CHILD HAS AN EHCP (EDUCATION, HEALTH & CARE PLAN)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
MY CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
MY CHILD MAY NEED SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE KENT TEST, I WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS WITH THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
MY CHILD USES A WHEELCHAIR OR HAS A SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITION WHICH A TEST CENTRE WILL NEED TO KNOW ABOUT (ATTACH DETAILS ON A SEPARATE SHEET)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Parent/Guardian details		
Title	Parent Forename	Parent Surname
Email address		
Telephone number 1	Telephone number 2	
Signed	Date	

Please return to:

Admissions, Room 2.20, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ

If you would like your form acknowledged please enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope (SAE)

Or email your form to [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk) (please do not do both)

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>

**You can register online or by post.**

If you register online you will receive the results on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – After 4pm – via an email.

Or you can log on to view the results and scores.

Postal applications should arrive the following day.



# Practice and familiarisation.

Plenty of resources available online. We are encouraged not to practise the Kent Test with the children but we will attempt to provide them with a familiarisation activity before the Test Date.

**This year GL Assessment (who prepare the Kent Test materials) have provided a number of practice materials on their website. (The address is below).**

## **GL Assessment**

We recommend children familiarise themselves with the multiple-choice layout of the test, content and examples of some types of questions they will face. We want to give all children the opportunity to experience sample questions across a range of question types in advance of the test. This is particularly true with the verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning tests as they may not have encountered these types of questions before.

### **Download practice materials free of charge:**

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

### **Search on Amazon:**

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=gl+assessment+kent+test&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=gl+assessment+kent+test&ref=nb_sb_noss_2)



# Key Information:

**Registration closes:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019.

**Kent Test:** Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

## **Results:**

By email - Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – usually after 4pm.

By post - Posted on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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