

Admission to

secondary school

in Kent 2026

For children born between
1 September 2014 and
31 August 2015,
transferring to secondary
school in **September 2026**



Use the simple, fast and secure way to apply online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Apply by: Friday 31 October 2025



What to do



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Choose a school	Apply	Accept or decline
Read all the information provided in this booklet. Find out about the schools you are interested in. Use all 4 preferences to give yourself the best opportunity of securing a school you have applied for.	Apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. Applications open Monday 1 September 2025 and close at midnight on Friday 31 October 2025. Tell us immediately via email about any change of address.	On Monday 2 March 2026, an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline this offer by Monday 16 March 2026.

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The information given in this booklet relates to the school year 2026-27. Details were correct at the time of publication.

Note on terminology:

In this guide, "parent" is used to refer to anyone legally responsible for a child, including guardians.

Coordinated admissions

The coordinated admissions system manages the application processes for the normal point of entry to schools. These are:



For the coordinated process, Kent County Council collaborates with all local authorities to ensure that each child (who applied on-time) receives an offer of a singular school place on the relevant national offer day.

Applications must be made through the local authority where you are living on the relevant closing date (your home local authority).

Applications can include schools in another local authority if you wish, as long as the application is made through your home local authority. This means that:

If you live in Kent and want to name schools elsewhere – you must apply through Kent County Council.

If you live outside of Kent and want to name Kent schools – you must apply through your home local authority and list the Kent schools on that application.

For full details on Kent County Council's coordinated admissions process, please see the Secondary Admissions Scheme available at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria.

Key dates

Monday 1 September 2025	Applications open Apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions .
September – October	Parents to read all information available, visit school open events (if available) and make decisions on which schools to apply for.
Thursday 11 September 2025	Children in Kent who registered take the Kent Test (11+).
Thursday 16 October 2025	Kent Test (11+) assessment decisions sent to parents via email.
Friday 31 October 2025	National closing date for applications Online application process closes. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk .
Monday 8 December 2025	Deadline for on-time changes to application details to be considered for national offer day.
Monday 2 March 2026	National Offer Day Offers of school places are sent to parents via email.
Monday 16 March 2026	Deadline for parents to accept/refuse the school offered. Parents will also be given the opportunity to join the waiting list for schools named on the original application. Deadline of ‘late’ school applications to be considered for Kent Reallocation Day.
Monday 30 March 2026	Appeals for schools named on your original application must be lodged by this date to be heard before September. See www.kent.gov.uk/appeals for more information.
Thursday 23 April 2026	Kent Reallocation Offer Day KCC reallocates any places that have become available from the waiting list. Parents that have received an offer of a school place from KCC can approach schools directly for alternative places.

How to apply

Deciding which schools to apply to

Kent has a wide range of schools, including all-ability schools, comprehensive schools, academies (which take children of all-abilities) and grammar schools.

Comprehensive schools include church aided schools, which may give priority for admission to members of a particular religious faith.

Kent's grammar schools select their intake through the Kent Test assessment procedure (also known as the 11+). A Kent grammar school can only offer a place to a child who has been assessed suitable for admission to grammar school. Registration opened on Monday 2 June 2025 and closed on Tuesday 1 July 2025. More information on the Kent Test is available at www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest or see [page 29](#).

Schools publish lots of information about what they teach, the facilities they offer and what they aim to achieve for their pupils on their websites. Headteachers welcome enquiries from parents and will be able to tell you in great detail about their schools. You can find their website addresses in this booklet.

Please see [page 54](#) for a full list of Kent's secondary schools.

There is no substitute for seeing things for yourself. That is why all schools hold open days and evenings, usually during the September and October before the point of entry, where parents and children can visit and talk to teachers and existing pupils. We believe this provides a very good opportunity for you to get a feel of the school and encourage you to use the opportunities available. Please see school websites for information about when these open days will take place.

Even if you already have an older child at the school, you must apply for a place for your younger child. You will not automatically receive a place because you already have a sibling there.

Parents are also advised to consider whether they intend to apply for transport assistance when selecting their preferences, as they will be used when determining their child's eligibility. Kent will not normally provide transport where a parent prioritises a school which is not the nearest appropriate for transport purposes. Please see [page 36](#) and/or www.kent.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information.

We strongly recommend that you focus on the schools that interest you the most.

What if my child has additional needs or an EHCP?

The application process explained in this book does not apply to children with an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP). Further information around transfer to secondary school for children with an EHCP can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/SEND. Alternatively, you can email the Special Educational Needs Office at sendadmingeneral@kent.gov.uk.

If your child has additional/special educational needs but does not have an EHCP, even if you are in the process of statutory assessment, you should still apply for a secondary school place as described in this book.

More information is also available on [page 49](#).

Apply online

When you know what schools you are interested in, you can apply online at the web address below. An application form (SCAF) can be provided in an alternative format for accessibility reasons upon request by emailing kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.



Apply online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

You need to apply by midnight on Friday 31 October 2025 for transfer to year 7 in September 2026.

You should complete the application by naming up to four schools; putting them in order of preference with the one you would like most first. Please see [page 12](#) for which address you should use on your application.

You can apply for schools inside or outside of Kent County Council's (KCC) area, but you must name all of them on the same application; you can only fill in one application and it must be submitted via a form supplied by the local authority you live in. Your local authority is the one in which you pay your council tax bill to.



Please note that you must NOT use Kent's online application process or SCAF if you do not live in Kent. Your application will be withdrawn and will not be processed.



Please ensure that all the information on the application is accurate before it is submitted. KCC will not take any responsibility in checking the contents of an application.



Please note if the application has not been submitted by the applicant, KCC will be unable to process it. Applications for Children in Care should be made by the assigned Social Worker of the Local authority that is the Corporate Parent.

If you have already registered your child online to take part in the Kent grammar school tests, you will be able to log into your account and add your school preferences to the information you have already submitted rather than starting from the beginning.

If you are applying online for school places and did not register your child for the Kent Test, you will have to register with the website and create a user account, selecting your own password.

The website will ask you to verify your account by clicking on the link provided in the email sent to the email address used to set up the account. This email is not an application. Once registered, you can then make an application for school places either straight away or by logging back in later, provided it is before the closing date. An application is only valid if it has been submitted by the closing date of Friday 31 October 2025.

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive an email confirming that we have received it. Please check your spam/junk folders for this email before contacting the team.

If you apply online and then un-submit your application (either by making a change or for any other reason) KCC is not responsible for processing the unsubmitted application. You must ensure that your application is fully submitted by the closing date. If an application has not been submitted, KCC will be unable to process it.



Please remember to let us know if you change your home address or your email address after the closing date so that our records are kept up to date as we provide this information to the school you are offered. Any changes of information need to be sent from the email address used to apply.

It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that:

- they are selecting the correct school for each preference;
- the application states if the child will have a sibling in the school or a linked school in September 2026 and must provide the sibling's full name and date of birth;
- they send any supporting evidence to the relevant school they would like to be considered under health and special access reasons (if applicable) more information on health and special access criteria can be found on [page 20](#);
- they complete and return any Supplementary Information Forms (if available) to the relevant school.

If you require any support applying online, please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs)

Some schools have another form available called a Supplementary Information Form (SIF). Certain schools will use the information collected on this additional form to rank your child against their oversubscription criteria (for example if they are a church school or give priority to children eligible for free school meals). You only need to fill in a SIF if you want your child to be considered against the oversubscription criteria it covers.

See the Kent schools' pages at the end of this booklet for details on which schools have a SIF available. You can get the SIF from the school or by going to the 'Admissions criteria 2026-27' section at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria.

Please return SIFs direct to the school, and not KCC. As the SIF is not the official KCC application form you must also complete a SCAF naming the school, otherwise your child cannot be considered for a place there.

Multiple applications

Only one application per child will be accepted. If you apply online, you do not need to complete any other form of application, other than any SIFs that may be available.

If more than one application is received for a child, parents will be contacted and asked to agree in writing which application should be used. It is not the role of the Local authority to decide which application to use where both parents retain parental responsibility for the child. KCC Admissions Team are not able to resolve parental disputes, and we would expect both parties to come to a sensible resolution.

Where agreement cannot be reached both applications will be withdrawn and the child will not be offered a place on Monday 2 March 2026.

Where a court proceeding is sought to decide which parent's application should be used it cannot be shared with KCC unless the courts give explicit consent to do so. In these cases, it would be helpful to ensure any related court order makes clear which parent has the overall right to apply and where necessary which preferences should be named. A court order cannot vary KCC's prescribed address requirements, nor can it compel a school to offer a place outside of the co-ordinated admissions process. This means a court decision is limited to what school preferences an application can include, not which school will ultimately offer a child a place.

Parents should be mindful of key deadlines when taking this approach as no extensions will be granted for any delay that arises.

Gender and single sex schools

Each Local authority's duties in relation to the school admissions process are heavily prescribed in legislation and so KCC is required to take a lead from the Department for Education (DfE) when processing applications from gender questioning or non-binary pupils. In addition, majority of secondary schools in Kent are Academies, Free and Voluntary Aided schools, which means that they are their "own admission authority" and make their own decisions in relation to admission matters. KCC cannot tell these schools what admissions decisions they should make, but we monitor them to ensure they do not break any rules in the School Admissions Code.

Some Secondary schools in Kent are defined as "single sex schools," which have historically provided education for pupils of only one biological sex. Please see "Kent Schools" section for details on which schools in Kent are single sex schools. Legislation for single sex schools does not currently provide specific guidance for children whose gender does not match their biological sex or identify alternatively. This means that there is not a clearly prescribed process that schools are required to take. As most schools are also their own admission authority, they must decide individually how to respond to applications from children who are not the same biological sex as the school's historic designation. Parents of gender questioning and non-binary gender children are therefore advised to discuss their application with any single sex school before naming it as a preference.

There are some other implications that you will need to consider when submitting your application. KCC collects admissions applications and related data items from parents to fulfil the legal obligation laid out in the School Standards and Framework Act (1998) and the current School Admissions Code (2021). For Local Authorities to fulfil these duties, the DfE defines what data each Local Authority must collect, how it must be referred to and what limitations (if any) are placed on its collection. These requirements are available in the Common Basic Data Set (CBDS) which can be found at www.gov.uk and include the following:

- Sex – a value which identifies the sex of the person as recognised in law;
- Gender identity – a person's inner concept of self as male, female, neither or a blend of both.

Under UK law children cannot obtain a Gender Recognition Certificate and therefore cannot change their legal sex.

LAs are required to collect a child's "sex" for the purposes of administering the admissions process. While the DfE have recently made some non-mandatory changes to the CBDS to offer an additional "Gender Identity" field, software companies who provide the admissions systems used by all Local Authorities have not yet made the necessary changes to reflect these options. It is unlikely that these changes will be made by software companies until the DfE makes them a mandatory requirement. KCC must therefore currently continue to seek confirmation of the child's "sex" using male or female as the only available options. Applicants

should consider any reference to “gender” to be a request to confirm the child’s “sex” as defined above. We are unable to record any other response on each child’s admissions record.

As the online application process also uses the CBDS, it will only present mixed and “girls” schools when the “female” sex option is selected and mixed and “boys” schools where the “male” sex option is selected. Parents are advised to contact the team on kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk for an alternative method to apply if these limitations are detrimental to their ability to apply in the way that they wish following discussions with each individual school.

Occasionally, parents name a single-sex school without intending to. If you have chosen to name a school which does not reflect your child’s indicated sex as defined by the CBDS, please send us a separate email confirming that this was your clear intention, so that we do not contact you to check whether this was a mistake.

Which address to use

Child's home address



A child's home address is defined as a residential property that is the child's main or only residence where they live, not an address at which your child may sometimes stay or sleep due to your own domestic or educational arrangements. It must be the residence of both the parent and the child on Friday 31 October 2025, the deadline for submitting your application.

In the vast majority of circumstances, schools will expect there to be a financial connection between yourself and where the child lives, such as a rental agreement or ownership of the property.

KCC reserves the right to check information that parents give on their child's application form. When you receive the offer of a school place from KCC, you will be asked to provide the school with evidence that you and your child live at the address used on the application. This evidence can be, for example, a utility bill, bank or credit card statement, council tax bill or any other formal documents that would show you as the parent were living at your address at the closing date for applications.

For the child, this evidence could be, for example, the child's bank statement, hospital or doctor's appointment letter or formal document.

This is not an exhaustive list and the school, or Local authority reserves the right to request further documentation if it considers the evidence provided is insufficient to prove that you and your child were living at the application address. The evidence you supply should be dated within the application window of Monday 1 September 2025 - Monday 8 December 2025.

Parents should also be aware that schools may wish to collect their own information when you return your address evidence such as a child's short form birth certificate. It is also likely that schools will ask you to complete their own induction documentation.

If you do not provide address evidence, or if you provide insufficient evidence to confirm your address, the offer may be withdrawn. The vacant place would then be offered to the child who had been disadvantaged on Monday 2 March 2026 and was effectively displaced by your application at that time.

Where your living arrangements are more complex, it is important that you use **the main address your child lives at** when applying for a school place. If you use an address that is later found to be incorrect for the admission process, your school offer may be withdrawn even if you can evidence that you own or had access to that property.

It can take an extended period to complete investigations into misleading applications and parents may find that they have missed deadlines to join school waiting lists or appeal once their offer has been withdrawn. KCC does not provide a timescale by which these investigations will be completed. Parents will be responsible for finding another school place if their school offer is withdrawn following an investigation.

Please find below some examples of situations that will require you to determine which address to use. If your specific situation is not listed below, or you are unsure of which address you should be using, you should contact the Admissions Team for further assistance by emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

Moving home

As explained above, you should only apply using your child's current home address.

If you are moving home during the admissions window, we will be able to amend your application to reflect your future address if sufficient evidence is received no later than Monday 8 December 2025. Once you have the appropriate documentation confirming an exchange of contracts with a completion date or a signed rental agreement/lease, please email it to the Admissions Team and we will amend your application to reflect your new address.



All parents must therefore email the Admissions Team if their home address changes between Friday 31 October 2025 and Monday 8 December 2025. Changing your address on the website will not update the application.

In most circumstances, it would be expected that you would move in before National Offer Day on Monday 2 March 2026.

If you have purchased a new build property, this deadline can be extended until Tuesday 1 September 2026 as a reflection of the fact that completion dates can change unexpectedly. This provision will only apply where houses are being built as part of a large-scale development, not a personal project undertaken by the individual.

If you are not residing in the property by these dates, the offer of a school place may be withdrawn, so it is imperative you inform the Admissions Team if you think you are unlikely to be living in the address by that time.

If you are moving due to a house exchange or renting a property from a Housing Association or private landlord, the letter that you receive confirming the date you can move in and your agreement to rent that property will be considered as proof of moving. KCC cannot accept a letter offering a property for you to view as proof of moving.

If you do not exchange contracts with a completion date or have a signed rental agreement/lease until after Monday 8 December 2025, KCC will not be able to make any amendments to your application but can use your new address for correspondence purposes. Please be aware of this deadline as no exceptions will be allowed under any circumstances.

If you are submitting a reallocation application, you must inform the Admissions Team of any address changes with appropriate evidence by Monday 16 March 2026. The expectation is that you would move into the new property by Kent Reallocation Day, Thursday 23 April 2026.

Parents should be aware that moving during the application window will complicate your admissions process and, in many circumstances, significantly reduces your chances of securing a place at a school of your preference. Parents are therefore advised to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process and wherever possible, organise your affairs to ensure address changes are made within admission's deadlines. It is understood that this is not always possible, however, KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admission purposes.

Any residential move which takes place between the relevant closing date for applications and the end of the first school term may be investigated to establish if a parent has misrepresented their living arrangements for the purpose of securing a school place outside of the family's intended residential area. If the Admission Authority considers this to be the case, it may consider the application at the time to have been misleading and may withdraw the school place.

If you are thinking of moving but have not seen a property to rent or buy, then you should complete a SCAF using your current address. If you name schools that are in the area you wish to move to, but you are not living there, there is an increased likelihood that you will not receive an offer at one of those schools as places could be offered to applicants that live nearer. If you are unsure which preferences to name on this application, please email us at kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk for further advice.

Shared residency

KCC can only accept one address on the SCAF and if your child lives at two different addresses during the week because of joint residency or another formal living arrangement we will regard the child's home address as the one at which they will sleep for the majority of school nights (Sunday to Thursday) in the first academic year. We would expect parents to use the community school term dates to calculate the split which can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/education. In the unlikely event that a child will spend an equal number of days at both addresses, or if you need any assistance, please contact kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

You should not use any other address at which your child may stay during the school week such as at a friend's, grandparents', or child minder's home.

Where parents are seeking agreement on their child's application through the courts, it cannot be shared with KCC unless the courts give explicit consent to do so. In these cases, it would be helpful to ensure any related court order makes clear which parent has the overall right to apply and where necessary which preferences should be named. A court order cannot vary KCC's prescribed address requirements, nor can it compel a school to offer a place outside of the co-ordinated admissions process. This means a court decision is limited to what school preferences an application can include, not which school will ultimately offer a child a place.

If your child stays at two addresses and you are unsure which address to use, please contact the Admissions Team for advice.

Access to multiple properties

Depending on your circumstances, there is a possibility that you own, rent or have access to a property closer to a school that you are interested in, but live at a property that you own, rent or have access to elsewhere. You should use the address where you and your child are actually living in, and it is your main residence as defined above.

Examples of cases that will be fully investigated and are likely to result in offers being withdrawn:

- renting a property close to a popular school but retaining access to another property;
- living with a relative but retaining access to another property;
- moving to a property close to a particular school and then moving out of the area shortly after offers have been made;
- signing a tenancy agreement but opting to delaying moving to this new property until the relevant offer day.

Temporary address

You should not use an address that has been rented, moved into or lived in on a short-term basis in addition to your regular 'home' because of temporary personal circumstances, such as, works being carried out to the main family residence, or living temporarily with family or friends at another home.

If your circumstances have meant you have had no choice but to temporarily move to or remain living in another property, you should inform the Secondary Admissions Team, by emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk when you apply, advising them of the reasons why and providing evidence to support your circumstances. The team will advise you which address you should use, but in most circumstances, it will be the address that you will be living in at the point your child starts school.

If you live outside of England

While the DfE have indicated that local authorities have the option to accept applications from families who are not currently in England, it is still necessary for all applicants to fulfil the address requirements outlined above.

This ensures that pupils currently residing in Kent and those intending to return are treated in a consistent manner. As some families own or are able to access more than one property, KCC's admission process is clear on what can be considered a child's address from an admissions perspective. These requirements ensure that applications can only be made from a single address so that families are not able to undermine the key principle of the co-ordinated admissions process, which is to ensure a child cannot be offered a place at more than one school to the detriment of other applicants. Where an address does not meet these requirements, it cannot be considered for admissions purposes, which may limit KCC's ability to process a related application.

It is understood it is not always possible to arrange home moves to align with the school admissions process, however, it is similarly not possible to remove any negative impact a family may face if they are not able to use a preferred address as a result. This effect is felt equally by parents moving within England or even within a Local Authority's boundaries during the admissions timeframes, so parents moving back to England are not being treated any less favourably than others in similar circumstances.

Crown Servants and families of HM Armed Forces

If you are a member of His Majesty's Armed Forces or a Crown Servant and are being posted back to the UK, you may use a UK address that you own or name of HM Forces Station/Base as a home address even though you may not be resident at the time of application. KCC must also receive an official government letter (e.g. MOD, FCDO or GCHQ) declaring a relocation date and that the family will be resident in Kent by 1 September 2026. A confirmed address, or in the absence of this, a Unit or "quartering area" address, will be accepted as the home address on the application. The law allows for KCC to use this address as your family's main residence even though you may not be resident at the address or even in the country.

However, it does not guarantee you a place at your preferred schools. For further information, please contact the Admissions Team.

How offers are made

You are invited to apply for up to four schools by completing a Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) and KCC will make sure every Kent child who has submitted a SCAF gets ONE offer.

Naming only one preference does NOT guarantee your child a place at that school, or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once. If you name a school multiple times, the duplicates will be deleted from your form, and you will lose the opportunity of naming different preferences. There is no requirement to name 4 preferences but failing to do so increases the likelihood of the local authority making an offer of a school some distance from your home, where local schools have been filled with children that used their full range of preferences.

KCC will tell secondary schools who has applied for places and provide them with any information that has been submitted on the SCAF. The Secondary Admission scheme is an Equal Preference Scheme, which means that schools will not take into account whether you have placed them as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th as KCC does not provide them with this information.

Each school will look at all their applications and draw up a rank order based on their oversubscription criteria to decide who will get places. Oversubscription criteria are a set of rules which a school uses to place children into priority order, or rank, if it receives more applications than spaces available. This means, for example, that if how close children live to the school is an important factor, the children who live closest are most likely to be offered places. For more information on oversubscription criteria, please [see page 19](#).

When ranking children, schools WILL NOT take into account:

- how long your child's name has been registered at a school;
- any previous association you or your extended family may have had with the school either by attending it or by participating with any of the school's activities;
- how long you may have lived in the area or a parent's intention of moving into the area in the future;
- a parent's particular reason for expressing a preference for the school, for example the presence of breakfast or after school clubs, activity clubs for sports or music, if any of the child's friends will be going to the school; unless it is a published aspect of that school's oversubscription criteria;
- any plans regarding childcare arrangements that you may make for a particular school.

Once the schools have determined an order of priority for applicants using their oversubscription criteria, KCC will use a computer program to finalise offers.

The order you name the schools in only matters if more than one of them could offer your child a place. If this happens, we will look back at your preferences and offer whichever of them you named highest on the form. The unused offer for the lower preference school(s) will then be offered to a child that was ranked lower on that school's list.

Grammar schools

If you have named a grammar school as the highest preference on your SCAF, and that grammar school has too many applications from suitable candidates, it may not be possible to offer you a place there, even if your child has done well enough in the Kent Test to qualify for a grammar school place. If this happens, you will be offered the next highest available of your remaining preferences, even if that is not a grammar school.

If your child has not been tested or takes the tests but is not assessed eligible for admission to a grammar School, a grammar school cannot offer you a place on National Offer Day. If you name a grammar school on your SCAF when your child has not been tested or is not assessed eligible for admission to a grammar school, your application to the grammar school will not be considered, but you will still have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel for admission.

If none of your preferred schools can offer you a place because there were other children who had a greater eligibility for the place(s) than your child when the oversubscription criteria were applied, KCC will allocate an alternative school that has available places. Whilst this school will not be one of your preferences, KCC wishes to ensure every child is offered a school place.

KCC will try to make this the nearest school to your home with available places. This school may be some distance from your home as KCC can only offer a place from a school that has spaces remaining once all other applications have been considered.

The allocation that is made will not take into account any of your child's individual circumstances or your preference for a particular type of school e.g. a church school, size of school, childcare facilities or travelling arrangements.

All admission authorities have to plan for the number of children they admit to their schools very carefully. The Published Admissions Number (PAN) noted on each school's entry in the 'Kent Schools' section will show you the number of children the school will admit this year.

However, since the 2012 School Admissions Code was introduced, schools have been able to decide to increase this number before offers are made. This is known as offering in excess of PAN and schools can decide to do this as late as January each year. While schools can increase the number of places that they make available, they are not able to reduce the

number during this timescale. As KCC is unaware of many schools' intentions to offer in excess of PAN at the time of publication of this book, it is not recorded here. Please contact the schools you are interested in naming as preferences to see if they are intending to increase their intake number this year, if this will be important to your decision-making process.

Oversubscription criteria

Oversubscription criteria are a set of rules which a school uses to place children into priority order, or rank, if it receives more applications than spaces available. Each school's individual oversubscription criteria can be found in their published admission arrangements. This is available on their website or at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria. However, some of the most common criteria is explained below.

Where a school fails to provide a description of their oversubscription criteria, KCC's oversubscription criteria will be used.

Looked after children or previously looked after children

A looked after child or a previously looked after child is a child which is either in the care of the Local authority or is being provided with accommodation by a Local authority in the exercise of their social services functions under Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, or a child who ceased to be so because they became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order.

An adoption order is an order under Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. A child arrangement order is an order setting the arrangements to be made to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian/guardians.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Looked after children and previously looked after children get the highest priority for school places as per the School Admissions Code.

If you apply under this criterion, you will need to provide evidence to the Secondary Admissions Team to show that your child qualifies. Once you have completed the online application, please send copies of your evidence separately to kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk including your child's name, date of birth and home address. If you do not supply evidence, it may not be possible to process your application under this criterion.

Siblings

In most circumstances, where the term ‘brother or sister’ is used, it means children who live as brother and sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters. Please check the school’s admission arrangements for their exact definition. Where a school has not explained how it defines a sibling, the explanation given here will apply.

If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets etc) apply for a school and the school would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, KCC will offer a place to each of the siblings if allowed through the school’s admission arrangements, even if doing so take the school over PAN. This may not always be possible for example, if the school is a grammar school or it makes use of random allocation in its oversubscription criteria.

If your child secures an offer of a place at the school on Monday 2 March 2026, sibling priority will apply to any of their siblings that apply for a place through the In Year process or who are on the school’s waiting list up to the start of the September 2026-27 term, even though the offered child will not have started yet.

Health, social and special access reasons

Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school’s legal obligations, particularly those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority under this criterion will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment or social need means that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally, this priority will usually apply to children whose parent’s physical or mental health or social needs means that they have a demonstrable or significant need for their child to attend a particular school. Please check the school’s admission arrangements for their exact definition. Please note that social needs do not include your intended or current childcare arrangements.

All claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner which can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school that parent’s feel can accommodate these needs. This must be sent directly to the school before Monday 8 December 2025 for the school to consider the evidence. Without this evidence, when schools are ranking children in accordance with their oversubscription criteria, they cannot take your needs into account.

In most circumstances, an applicant should only apply for a single school under this criterion. Placing the same evidence for more than one of your preferred schools will only establish that more than one school can accommodate your child’s needs. If you feel your circumstances support applying for more than one school, please discuss it with the Secondary Admissions

Team, who can also provide any other advice required by parent's who wish to apply under this criterion.

Distance

Maps and internet-based measuring tools will give you an indication of the distance from your address to school, but they often use different reference points. So that distances are worked out consistently, KCC's measuring software uses address point data provided by National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) which is updated annually. The address point reference we have for your property is taken as one end of a straight line, with the address point reference for the school as the other end. The point provided by NLPG may fall anywhere within your property boundary.

Where applications are made from new build properties that are not registered to the NLPG, KCC may be required to temporarily use planning co-ordinates. Where a new build housing development requires a new school or the significant enlargement of an existing school, this criterion may allow for a catchment area (defined by a map) to be created for the relevant school. This must be included in the Statutory Public Notice and admissions determination, and will be valid for a period not exceeding three rounds of admissions.

The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for an oversubscribed school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school. Address point references allow us to calculate distance in miles to four decimal places.

A block of flats has a single address point reference, so applicants living in the same block will be regarded as living the same distance away from the school.

In the unlikely event that two or more children have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

KCC supplies address point data to all schools but some Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools, Free schools and Academies may use different methods to measure distances from applicant's homes. This will be clearly explained in each school's oversubscription criteria. Where a school has not explained that it will use a different method, the method described here will apply.

Likelihood of being offered your first preference

The best way to assess the chances of your child getting into your first preference school is to study that school's oversubscription criteria which is available at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria. Before you fill in the SCAF make sure that you have read the oversubscription criteria for the schools you are listing. You need to think carefully about whether your child is likely to meet these criteria.

One of the most important criteria for many schools is the distance you live from the school. The distances from which schools allocate places change from year to year, depending on demand. You may need to check with the school whether they have been able to admit children from your address in recent years. When deciding your preferences, be realistic about how likely you are to be offered a place there.

Some schools have entrance tests. Ask yourself whether your child is good at the subject being tested or taking tests generally. Details on which schools have entrance tests is detailed in the 'Kent Schools' section.

Some third-party websites offer parents an indication of their chances of securing a school place. KCC does not validate the information on these websites and so parents should exercise caution when making decisions based on the data that they provide.

Remember that other people will choose the same schools as you. If their children meet the criteria of a particular school better than yours, they will be offered a place ahead of your child.

The law recognises that it may not always be possible to carry out parents' wishes for a number of reasons:

- because the particular school may be full;
- because this would "prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources;"
- because it is a selective (grammar) school and the child has not reached the required standard;
- because the child has been permanently excluded from two or more schools.

Having considered all these matters, rank the schools you would like in the order of preference.

Example applications



MEET MARIE

Marie was assessed eligible for grammar school. She lives close to her local high school. Her parents prefer the local church school as they are regular church attenders, or the local grammar school.

Her preferences are:



1. Local church school



2. Grammar school



3. Local high school



4. Local high school

What happens next?

Each school ranks her based on their own criteria



Marie ranks high enough to be offered a place at all 4 schools.

Marie is offered the highest available preference, the local church school.



MEET AHMED

Ahmed is eligible for grammar school. His parents prefer the nearby grammar school or, the local all-ability academy or two other high schools outside Kent.

His preferences are:



1. Local grammar school



2. All-ability academy



3. High school not in Kent



4. High school not in Kent

What happens next?

Each school ranks her based on their own criteria



Ahmed ranks high enough to be offered a place at his 2nd, 3rd, and 4th schools.

The grammar school ranks its applicants by score in the Kent Test and unfortunately Ahmed doesn't rank high enough to be offered. Ahmed is offered the next available preference, the local all-ability academy.

REMEMBER



- Schools do not know the order of your preferences.
- Each school ranks applicants using its own oversubscription criteria.
- You will be offered the highest preference where your child ranks high enough for a place.

**MEET KRISTINA**

Kristina was not assessed suitable for grammar school. Her parents would like her to go to a local grammar school, a high school near her mother's workplace, or the church school further away, as they regularly attend church.

Her preferences are:

1. Local grammar school



2. High school far away



3. Local church school



4. Local high school

What happens next?

Each school ranks her based on their own criteria



Kristina ranks high enough to be offered a place at her 3rd and 4th preference.

Kristina cannot be offered the grammar school as she did not meet the entry requirements. The high school near the mother's workplace is full with children who live closer. She qualifies for a place at the local church school and local high school and so is offered her third preference.

**MEET ROBIN**

Robin's parents would like him to go to a single-sex high school, even though it is far away. Otherwise, they would like the local church school, even though they do not attend church, or another single-sex school. Robin has not taken a grammar assessment.

His preferences are:

1. Single-sex high school



2. Local church school



3. Boys' grammar school



4. Boys' grammar school

What happens next?

Each school ranks her based on their own criteria



Robin is offered an alternative school by KCC.

The single-sex high school is full with pupils who live closer than Robin. The local church school is also full with church attenders. Robin cannot be offered a grammar school as he has not taken the grammar test. Robin is offered a space at an alternative school chosen by KCC.

Receiving your offer



Accept or refuse by Monday 16 March 2026

On Monday 2 March 2026, KCC will contact Kent parents to inform them of the school they have been offered.

You will receive only ONE offer. E-mails will be sent on this day to parents who provided an email address on their application, and letters will be posted first class to all other parents. All online applicants can also log back onto their online applications after 5pm and view their school offer.

Please be aware that KCC has no control over email delivery times once they have left our servers and some email providers may delay sending the messages to account holders. Parents are also advised to check their spam folders for the email before contacting the Admissions Team.

The applying parent must let the offered school know whether they are accepting or refusing the place by Monday 16 March 2026.

If you do not let the school know that you are accepting the place, it may be offered to someone else, and you will lose it.

You can also lose your school place if the information you put on your application form is later found to be incorrect.

If you applied for a Kent school but do not live in Kent, your home Local authority will notify you on Monday 2 March 2026 to tell you which school you have been offered.



PLEASE ensure that you carefully read all the correspondence as this will provide you with additional information on what to do next. It will provide you with an opportunity to either accept or refuse the place offered to you, information on waiting lists and how to appeal against a decision to refuse your child a place at the school.

Waiting lists

If the school is full, the admission authority for that school must keep a waiting list, at least until the start of the January term 2026-27.

A grammar school can only put children on its waiting list who have been assessed suitable for grammar school.

KCC will place you on the waiting list for any higher preference schools than that in which you were offered. Requests to join the waiting list for any lower preference schools must be submitted to KCC's Admissions Team by Monday 16 March 2026. Further information will be included in your offer email. Please note that at this stage, you can only join the waiting lists for eligible schools that you named on your original application.

On Thursday 23 April 2026 KCC will run a reallocation process to offer any vacant places to children on schools' waiting lists.

Reallocation works in the same way as the process which offered places on Monday 2 March 2026, so that any places which may have become available can be offered to children on waiting lists, ranked by the schools according to their original oversubscription criteria. If more than one of the schools a parent would like can offer a place, we will offer the one they ranked highest on their waiting list form.

After Thursday 23 April 2026 schools will use their waiting lists to allocate any vacant places as they arise. The names on a school's waiting list must be ranked according to its published oversubscription criteria, and it is required by law to rank the list in accordance with the criteria again every time a child is added to it. If the number of children who accept a place drops below the school's published admission number, the waiting list will be used to determine who gets the vacant places.

Looked after children, previously looked after children and those who must be offered a place through a Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over others on a waiting list.

Putting your child's name on the waiting list for one school will not prejudice an appeal for another and appealing for one school will not affect your position on the waiting list for another.

While KCC will allow you to join the waiting list for a school you named as a lower preference than the school you have been offered, some other Local authority's admissions processes do not allow this and instead limit waiting list requests to higher preference schools only. Please contact the Local authority of the lower preference school whose waiting list you wish to join, to check if they will allow this. In all circumstances, please contact KCC to make a waiting list request. Do not make waiting list requests directly with an out of county school or directly to another local authority.

Appeals

If you are unhappy that you have not been offered one of your preferred schools, you can appeal. All parents have the right to appeal against any decision to refuse them a school place. This means that you can appeal for a place at any school that you named and were not offered, wherever you ranked it on the SCAF.

You can appeal for any school you have been turned down for, but if it is a Kent school, please do your best to make sure that your appeal is received by Monday 30 March 2026. This will help the people who organise a school's appeal hearing to try and arrange for all the appeals for that school to be considered at the same time and by the same panel, which is what the School Admission Appeals Code recommends. Do not wait for the outcome of one appeal or the offer of a place at another school before appealing; you can always withdraw an appeal request later.

Appeals received after Monday 30 March 2026 will need to be accompanied by a reasonable explanation as to why they are late. It is best if all appeals can be heard at one time. A late appeal may have to be heard after others for the same school.

Parents who have appealed unsuccessfully for a particular Kent school may not appeal for a place at the same school within the academic year unless they can show there has been a significant and material change in their circumstances since the appeal.

Please see www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals for information on how to lodge an appeal to the respective school(s).

If you missed the deadline

While the closing date for KCC to receive applications online is Friday 31 October 2025, applications which are submitted no later than Monday 8 December 2025 for a good reason will be treated as “on time” if it is reasonably practicable to accept them. In such cases, please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk to request a SCAF. Providing this information through any means other than a SCAF provided by KCC will not be accepted.

If you have changed address or your child has changed schools as a result of moving house, KCC will be able to amend applications up until Monday 8 December 2025 provided you have an exchange of contracts with a completion date or a signed rental agreement for the new property. Parents must email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk with details of any change of home address or other required amendment, ensuring that they contact us with the same email address used for their application. Please also refer to the section on ‘Which address to use’ on [page 12](#).

Applications received after Monday 8 December 2025 but before Monday 16 March 2026 will not receive a school offer on Monday 2 March 2026. KCC will consider these new applications with applicants that have joined a school’s waiting list on the reallocation date of Thursday 23 April 2026. New applicants will be sent an email on this day where they have provided an email address, and letters will be posted first class to all other parents.

After Thursday 23 April 2026 you can request to go on any school’s waiting list and if places become available, schools will offer directly to parents. KCC will not make any further offers.

Applications made after Monday 16 March 2026 will be processed in a similar way to In Year Applications. Parents who have already received an offer of a school place from KCC should apply using an In Year Application Form (IYAF) returned directly to the school.

Kent residents who are applying to Kent schools for the first time should use a Post Reallocation Common Application Form (PRCAF). To apply via this method, please contact kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk who will support and advise parents as well as provide a copy of the application method.

Where parents are having difficulties in finding a school place after Thursday 23 April 2026, or require support, please email kentinyearadmissions@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 412121 and ask for the In Year Admissions Team.

Kent Test



Registrations closed: Tuesday 1 July 2025

All the grammar schools in KCC's area use the Kent Test to help decide which children should be offered places. We normally test about 17,000 children.

To take part in the Kent Test process, a child **MUST** have been registered for testing by midnight on Tuesday 1 July 2025.

If your child has an EHCP and you are interested in a place at a Grammar school, you must have registered your child for testing and contacted your schools SEN coordinator (SENCo) for further information on how to apply. For further information about this process please email SENDataCoordination@kent.gov.uk

For information on how offers are made to Kent grammar schools, please see page 18.

Test dates

Most Kent children will take the tests in their primary schools on Thursday 11 September 2025. Children from schools outside KCC's boundaries will be invited to attend Kent testing centres on the Weekend of 13/14 September 2025. Test dates are allocated by KCC.

Detailed arrangements for children from schools outside of KCC's boundaries will be confirmed by email when we have processed all applications and know how many children we need to accommodate and where they can be tested. This will be before the end of August.

What tests were involved?

We use a Reasoning test and a combined Maths and English test, both in a multiple-choice format. Reasoning tests look at how quickly and efficiently children solve problems of increasing difficulty. The reasoning test will include some questions which use words or numbers to test verbal reasoning and some which use patterns and sequences to test non-verbal and spatial skills. The English section of the other test will involve a comprehension exercise and some separate questions chosen from a range testing literacy skills such as spelling, grammar and punctuation. The Maths section will reflect the requirements of the National Curriculum for pupils in Key Stage 2. We also ask children to complete a piece of writing under test conditions. This is not marked, but a local Headteacher Assessment Panel may consider it at a later stage.

When the tests are marked, the scores are standardised. Standardisation allows each child's score to be compared with those achieved by other children of the same age so that the youngest children are not disadvantaged.

Special Arrangements

If your child's special needs mean that some special arrangements may have to be made so that they can be assessed (for example, if your child has a visual impairment), you should discuss this with your school's SEN Coordinator (SENCo). They will need to put in a request for special arrangements and will liaise with the admissions team and other relevant professionals as necessary to find out what needs to be done / (or could say, what special arrangements can be offered for the test).

If your child does not have an EHCP, but you believe that special arrangements may be necessary to allow them to access the test papers, you should discuss this first with the SENCO at your child's primary school, as requests for special arrangements are made by the school. Requests can only be considered if a child has registered for the test and a request is submitted by the child's current primary school by Tuesday 1 July 2025. All requests are considered by a panel of educationalists who decide which arrangements may be granted. The decision of the panel is final and there is no appeal process. You can find out more at www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest.

How decisions are made

The assessment decision is based on the test results.

However, before you receive your decision, your child's primary school headteacher will have the opportunity to refer assessment decisions they disagree with to the Headteacher Assessment Panel (HTA). The HTA is a panel of local primary and secondary school headteachers, who will consider additional evidence before making a decision. This can include your child's test scores, recent work, the writing task, and comments from your child's current school. The panel will look at a full range of work for a child, regardless of which scores may be below the threshold. To allow these referrals to take place, your child's primary school will be sent your child's score and assessment decision.

An assessment will only be changed by the HTA if the panel is confident that the child will be well placed in a grammar school.

When decisions are made

The assessment decisions will be sent to you on Thursday 16 October 2025. Results will be sent by email to parents who registered providing an email address, and letters will be posted first class to all other parents. Online applicants can view their child's assessment and test scores after 5pm by logging back into their online account.

Please be aware that some email providers may delay sending the messages to account holders. Parents should check their spam or junk mail folders before contacting the Admissions Team. KCC has no control over email delivery times once they have left our servers.

Once you have the assessment decision, it is best to take any questions you have to your child's primary school first. If your child is not in a school, or the school cannot help, you can contact the Secondary Admissions Team by emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

Neither the primary school nor the Secondary Admissions Team can change the assessment decision you have received, but they can explain what it means and how it was reached.

You cannot make an appeal against the assessment decision sent to you in October, but you are still allowed by law to appeal for admission to any school you name on your SCAF and are not offered. If your child has not been assessed suitable for grammar school but you name a grammar school anywhere on your SCAF, although you cannot be offered a place there on the relevant offer day, after that you can ask an Independent Appeal Panel to consider whether there could be an exceptional reason for admitting your child to that school. Appeals for admission to Kent schools should be lodged by Monday 30 March 2026. More information on appeals is available [on page 26](#) or at www.kent.gov.uk/education.

In year admissions

Year 7 applications received after the start of term are called In Year Admissions.

In Year applications for Kent school places should be made direct to schools, using a separate copy of KCC's In Year Application Form (IYAF) for each child and each school applied. The IYAF can be obtained from www.kent.gov.uk/inyearadmissions or from any Kent school. Kent schools will let you know in writing whether they can offer a place and will inform KCC about the application and whether an offer has been made.

Schools which do not require children to take any entry tests will normally be expected to tell parents in writing within 10 school days, but they must be notified in writing within 15 school days of receiving the application whether they can offer a place.

If a school you apply for cannot offer you a place, the letter/email telling you this should explain how to appeal and how to put your child's name on the school's waiting list.

A grammar school can only put children on its waiting list if they have been assessed suitable for grammar school. If you arrive in Kent after the 11+ tests and want a year 7 place at a grammar school, your child will need to be assessed. This can be arranged through the grammar school you're applying for. Until the first term in the school year, all grammar schools will use the Kent Test which will give you one assessment to apply for any Kent grammar school. After the first term, schools will use their own assessment process so if you apply for more than one grammar school, your child will need to take a different test for each grammar school you apply for.

If a child has secured a place at school through the co-ordinated admissions process but has yet to start, they would still be considered as being on roll when a school assesses their sibling's applications against the school's oversubscription criteria.

If you are a Kent resident who has applied to your preferred schools but have been unable to secure a place, you can contact KCC's In Year Admissions Team at kentinyearadmissions@kent.gov.uk, who will let you know of any other schools which have places so that you can apply direct to these schools. If there are no places available and your child is out of school, the application may be referred to a local panel under the Fair Access Protocol (FAP), to decide which school can admit them. If your child is already attending a school in the local area, no alternative place will be offered.

If you want to apply in year for a place at a school located in another Local authority's area, please contact the Admissions Team for further information.

Out of year group admissions

If your child is not taught in the year group that would be expected for their date of birth, it will be necessary to secure agreement from any school you wish to name as a preference, before an application can be submitted for a place.

To request admission to year 7 after the expected transition point for a child of that age (i.e. moving to a secondary school late), parents should contact the Headteacher of each preferred school as early as possible during the normal application period for that child's date of birth. This will allow the school and the admission authority enough time to make a decision before the closing date.

You may also complete an application for the normal point of entry at the same time; in case your request is declined. This application can be cancelled if the school's admissions authority agrees to accept your request for deferred entry into year 7 the following year.

The Department for Education have made clear that unless there are sound educational reasons to do so otherwise, the assumption should be that children remain outside their normal year group (that is, in the year which they have been educated so far). The decision, however, remains with the admission authority for each school you wish to name as a preference, who may decide there are compelling educational reasons for your child to be taught in their expected year group.

You are not expected to provide evidence to support your request to defer your application, but where provided, it must be specific to the child in question. This might include medical or Educational Psychologist reports. There is no legal requirement for this medical or educational evidence to be secured from an appropriate professional, but failure to provide it may impede a school's ability to agree to defer admission.

Where admission authorities agree to allow a child to apply for a Year 7 place the following year, parents must complete a single application through our Out of Year Group SCAF and submit it to the local authority in the next application window. An Out of Year Group SCAF is available upon request by emailing kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk. The written confirmation from each named school will need to be emailed to the team. Providing this information through any means other than an Out of Year Group SCAF provided by Kent County Council will not be accepted.

A similar process of request is necessary for pupils who wish to transfer to secondary school before the expected transition point for their date of birth (i.e. moving to a secondary school early), however, as this application will be made before the normal time for a child of that age, a single application through the Out of Year Group SCAF as explained above can be submitted. The written confirmation from each named school will need to be emailed to the team.

Deferred applications will be processed in the same way as all applications in the relevant admissions round and offers will be made in accordance with each school's oversubscription criteria. If none of your preferred schools can offer you a place as they received more applications than places and other children have higher priority, you will not be guaranteed a year 7 place in an alternative school, although KCC will attempt to do so wherever possible.

Home education

Parents have a responsibility to make sure their child is educated. Most children attend school for their education, but parents have the right to educate their child at home, this is called elective home education (EHE).

If you wish to educate your child at home and the child has never attended a school, you do not have to inform KCC, however it is good practice to do so.

If your child is attending school then you must put it in writing to the school that you wish to educate your child at home; the school have a statutory duty to inform KCC of your decision. Following receipt of your intention to home educate, a Support & Advice Officer from the Access to Education team will contact you to discuss the process and arrange a visit.

Educating your child at home is a big commitment and there's a lot to think about. If you are considering it, our guidance can help you make your decision. The team can be contacted at educationathome@kent.gov.uk.

Further information is available at www.kent.gov.uk/homeeducation.

School transport

You can apply for any school and we will try to offer you the place that you want, but as the admission criteria for schools are separate from the criteria for assistance with home to school transport, you will not automatically receive transport assistance to any school that offers you a place.

The schools you select as preferences will have a huge impact on your likelihood of securing transport assistance, so please consider if you will need help in getting your child to school when selecting them. Parents should therefore not wait until the school place has been offered before considering how they will get their child to school.

As a general rule, your child will get free home to school transport if the secondary school they will be attending is:

- the nearest appropriate school for transport purposes;
- more than three miles from home using the shortest available route.

Appropriateness in this instance means:

- age appropriate – attendance at a primary or secondary school;
- ability appropriate – attendance at a mainstream or special school.

The nearest appropriate school for transport purposes is the school that is closest to your home via the shortest available route and that is suitable for the child's age and ability when the above criteria are applied. This differs from the admissions process, which predominately uses the straight-line distance between a child's home and school.

KCC will identify any school that is considered suitable by the Department for Education to provide education for the child's age and ability. This includes all Academies, Free schools and faith schools, even if a family is not of the same faith. In some areas of the county, a child's nearest appropriate school may be located in another educational authority, outside of Kent.

Where parents name schools outside of their local area, in most cases it will be their responsibility to ensure their children can access their preferred school.

Eligibility

Assessment for eligibility for free transport to the nearest appropriate school does not normally take account of parents' preference for a single-sex or mixed school, a particular type of school like a grammar school, or school with a specialism.

You will not normally receive transport assistance to a different school if:

- you have not named the nearest school to your home as one of your preferences;

- you have named the nearest school but not as one of your highest preferences;
- you do not live over the statutory distance from the school.

If you have named the nearest school to your home and were refused a place, the Transport Eligibility Team will take this into account when assessing your application.

However, how your child will travel to and from school may be a factor you will need to take into consideration when making your school preferences known and you will need to consider carefully what options are available to you as transport assistance will not automatically be a given for any school that may have offered your child a place.

For children who live in towns and villages close to the county border, it is particularly important to understand which is your closest school for transport purposes. Transport will only be provided to the nearest appropriate school where it is more than 3 miles from the home and in some parts of the county this may be a school located in another education authority, outside of Kent.

If you wish to express a preference for a school which is not your nearest and is not within walking or cycling distance, alternative transport option available to you can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schooltransport such as the KCC Travel Saver pass as this can be used on all registered public bus routes. Further information about this pass can be found on [page 40](#) of this book, or at www.kent.gov.uk/travelsaver.

There are also some helpful links at www.kent.gov.uk for public bus service information.

Free transport usually means your child will get a season ticket (pass) for public transport, or a seat on a bus/vehicle hired by KCC. As transport is provided for so many children, it will not be possible to offer parents their choice of route or vehicle.

KCC does not routinely provide discretionary transport assistance to grammar schools or denominational (faith) schools. There are exceptions for some children in the care of KCC and some from low-income families. The offer of a grammar school place does not guarantee that transport will be provided to that school if there is another mainstream school or academy closer to your home.

If the secondary school nearest your home is a grammar school, it will only be counted as your nearest school for transport purposes if your child has a grammar school assessment, because it can only take children who have been assessed suitable for a grammar school.

Low-income families

To qualify to receive transport assistance under low-income criteria, your child must be entitled to receive free school meals, or you must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below:

- income support;

- income based Jobseekers Allowance;
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit and with an annual income of no more than £16,385);
- guaranteed element of state pension credit;
- income related employment and support allowance;
- maximum level of Working Tax Credit;
- Universal Credit where children are also eligible for free school meals.

When parents receive Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit, the level of yearly income (currently £16,385) would be taken into account when assessing the child's eligibility. If parents receive both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit, then the Working Tax Credit element overrides the Child Tax Credit Element and parents must be in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit to qualify for transport assistance on low-income grounds.

In addition to receiving the above benefits, to be eligible for transport assistance, the child must be aged between 11 and 16 and:

- attend one of the 3 nearest schools to their home that is between 2 and 6 miles from their home;
- the school has been selected on the basis of parent's religion or belief, is the nearest school of that type to the child's home and is between 2 and 15 miles from the home.

The parent must demonstrate to KCC's satisfaction that the request is based on the requirements of their religion and that they do adhere to that religion, or that they hold the belief in question and that belief is materially relevant to the school chosen for their child. Where parents declare that they are practicing members of a religion or faith KCC will require evidence of this, including, where appropriate, the application form signed by the relevant religious representative.

Proof of receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit is asked for and this is usually the form TC602, which is sent to you by HM Revenue & Customs. For a child who is entitled to free school meals the proof will be a letter from KCC's Awards Department.

Where applicants are in receipt of Universal Credit, they may be required to provide up to three months' worth of statements, however, they should initially provide the latest statement only.

Children aged 11-16 who meet these conditions (i.e. if they are in the care of KCC, or their family receives one of the benefits listed above, or they are entitled to free school meals) will have transport funded to their nearest grammar school, assuming:

- they have met the entry requirements of the grammar school, been offered a place there; and
- it is the nearest grammar school to their home that is between 2 and 15 miles away.

If they qualified for and applied to their nearest grammar school but could not get a place there because it was oversubscribed, transport will be provided to the next nearest

grammar school able to offer a place, provided it is between 2 and 15 miles from their home.

Transport offered on these grounds will be reviewed annually. The Transport Eligibility Team must be advised of any changes to the family's or child's circumstances as soon as possible, to reassess the child's eligibility for transport assistance.

Additional information can be found within the Home to School Transport Policy. This can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schooltransport.

Walking distances and routes

Statutory school distance is set in legislation and is different depending on the child's age. A child's school must be over the statutory school distance for them to be considered for free school transport. For a child over the age of 8, the school must be over 3 miles from their home.

KCC will initially identify your nearest appropriate school via the shortest available route. School Transport distances are calculated between the permanent main residence and the school. Route assessments may take into account public footpaths, bridleways, other footpaths as well as recognised roads where they are available. Where the distance to a school is over 6 miles, vehicular road routes may be favoured regardless of where there may be shorter walking routes.

This initial assessment will not consider whether the chosen route is of a hazardous nature as there is no expectation that children will necessarily use this specific route to access their place of education. This stage simply establishes which school is the closest school to your home.

All distances between children's homes and schools are measured using KCC's own software and not any other internet measuring device. In this way, all children are assessed consistently in the same way under the distance criterion and conditions. Distances will be calculated to the school point defined in this software, which is not necessarily the nearest point between your home and the school's perimeter.

KCC will normally only provide transport assistance to your nearest school, if the school is over the statutory walking distance outlined above. Where a safe walking route is available to your nearest appropriate school that is shorter than the statutory walking distance, transport will not be provided as it is expected that your child would be able to walk to school. Where no safe walking route is available or where the shortest available safe walking route is over the statutory distance, free school transport will be provided to your nearest appropriate school. A safe walking route is one where a child can walk safely accompanied as necessary by a responsible adult. Once your nearest school has been established, KCC will not consider the route your child may take to any other school, as they will not be eligible to receive free school transport to that school.

If parents live within the statutory walking distance and consider the route to their child's school to be hazardous, they can request for it to be assessed by KCC Transport Officers.

A route is considered hazardous where it would be unsafe for a child to make use of it even if they were accompanied by a responsible adult. While KCC uses this criterion to assess a route, parents must decide if they wish for their child to travel to school on their own and make alternative arrangements if they do not feel that this is appropriate.

To be eligible for a review, children must be attending their nearest appropriate school for transport purposes. The assessment will consider whether the route is a safe walking route. If a route is assessed as hazardous, free school transport will be provided.

The Transport Eligibility Team will not be able to advise you of the exact measurement, or which school is the nearest over the telephone due to the large number of applications received and their need to prioritise assessing them.

Applying for home to school transport

Shortly after National Offer Day, you will receive an email from the Transport Eligibility Team which will tell you if you are entitled to transport to the school that has been offered, further information on how to apply is included in this email. More information about how to apply can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schooltransport.

If the child is eligible to receive free transport assistance, the Transport Eligibility Team will advise parents by email.

Other transport options

KCC Travel Saver Pass

If you're not entitled to free transport to school or want greater flexibility than home to school transport can provide, you may wish to consider a KCC Travel Saver pass. The KCC Travel Saver pass enables young people in academic years 7-11 who live in Kent to travel free on virtually all public buses in the country, from 06:00-19:00, Monday to Friday, 1st September to 31st July, for a fee of £580 per year (subject to change).

A small number of bespoke bus services to schools may apply an additional charge. The cost of the pass is halved for low-income households and free to some children who are in the Care of KCC. The KCC Travel Saver pass does not affect a child's entitlement to free home to school transport, and parents can apply for both.

Parents are advised to visit www.kent.gov.uk/travelsaver for up-to-date advice and further information on how to apply online and the terms and conditions of the pass, including a list of participating bus operators.

Vacant Seat Payment Scheme (VSPS)

Children who do not qualify for free transport because they live less than the statutory distance from school or because they are not attending their nearest school can apply for a vacant seat on a hired school vehicle.

The charge for this is £550 per year for each pupil (subject to change). Public Transport can give you more information. We offer this scheme annually, so you must re-apply each year. There is no guarantee that the scheme will always be available and even if you are offered a seat when you apply, it may not be possible to offer a seat to you in subsequent years. Where seats are no longer available, parents will be given notice until the end of that academic year, after which they will have to make their own arrangements.

Parents should also note that these seats cannot be allocated until all entitled pupils have been processed and are issued on a first come, first served basis. This does mean it can take several weeks after the start of term before a pass is issued.

During this time, parents are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. To apply for a Vacant Seat, parents should tick the appropriate box on the application form when applying for transport assistance.

School transport and the environment (sustainable transport)

Tackling the school run

We are committed to working with schools, parents, and pupils to reduce congestion caused by the school run (the busy period when parents drive their children to and from school). It is estimated that at least one in five vehicles on the road at 8.45am are taking students to school which has a huge effect on how we all get around. The school run also adds to pollution and carbon emissions that affect air quality and climate change.

We are also working to develop healthy schools and to encourage young people to take part in more physical activity. Walking and cycling to school is a good way to get more exercise and is proven to benefit health and wellbeing, attendance, and pupil performance.

School Travel Plans

Nearly all of Kent's schools now have a School Travel Plan. This is a strategy and action plan, tailored to the school, which seeks to encourage and facilitate sustainable travel choices by pupils, adult carers, and staff. We continue to offer advice to schools, through our travel plan management database, to help increase and sustain the proportion of active, healthy, safe, and sustainable journeys to and from school.

Kent schools have been very successful at producing School Travel Plans to encourage sustainable travel to schools.

Most Kent schools now have a plan so you may wish to contact the headteacher of your school to find out about their actions for encouraging sustainable travel.

Walk to school

KCC promotes and encourages walking to school given its benefits to health and wellbeing. Even if you can't walk to school every day or live too far away, you could consider walking just once a week or 'park and stride' by parking a short distance from the school and walking the last bit of your journey. You can find out how to include active travel options in your journeys at www.kentconnected.org.

Cycle to school

Cycle training is a very important way to increase confidence and safety. We deliver National Standard Cycle Training otherwise known as Bikeability. There are 3 levels of training that aim to give people the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. We deliver Level 1 and 2 training to children in year 6. In addition, we will pilot Level 3 training to Secondary school children. Bikeability will either be provided by KCC, or if the school is part of a School Games Organisation partnership, training will be arranged via School Games Organisers (SGOs). We are working with SGOs to make sure every year 6 child has access to level 2 training.

Children will need to:

- be at least 10 years old for level 2 training;
- be able to ride their bike;
- have an appropriate cycle helmet;
- have a bike that is roadworthy.

Training costs around £10 per child. However, this may vary in some schools because they have paid to enter a partnership with a School Games Host Organisation to access a range of different activities, including Bikeability.

We are working hard to improve cycle routes across the county. For information about cycle routes in your area visit www.kent.gov.uk/cycling. Printed maps are available for some locations and can be found in libraries, Gateways and Tourist Information Centres.

Public transport

Buses and trains may prove to be a good option for some pupils. For information about available services in your area, together with discounted tickets and incentive schemes visit: www.kent.gov.uk/publictransport.

Care sharing/buddy scheme

Parents can reduce the cost and time involved in the school run by sharing cars with friends and neighbours.

They can find out more about sharing cars in Kent on the website www.liftshare.com/uk, or ask their chosen school if they can match them with parents travelling from the same area. If half of UK motorists received a lift one day a week, congestion and pollution would be reduced by 10%.

Responsible parking

Inconsiderate parking and manoeuvring in the vicinity of school entrances can present a significant safety hazard. Parents should support their school, other road users and local residents by avoiding parking on 'Keep-Clear' markings and, where possible, park or drop-off a safe distance from the school and encourage pupils to walk to the school gates.

KCC works with schools, Kent Police and Local Civil Enforcement teams to act against inconsiderate and dangerous parking. For further details and access to our online toolkit and resources please go to www.responsibleparking.co.uk.

Post-16 admissions

If you are in year 10 or 11 at school, you will need to think about what you'd like to do next. You have some important choices to make and there are lots of options available to you. The choices you make now will affect the university courses or types of jobs you can apply for later.

www.kentchoices4u.com is a website containing information to help 14- to 19-year-olds make the right choices for further education. The website acts as an online prospectus and lists all schools, colleges and work-based learning providers across the county and the courses, learning and training they offer. By accessing the website, you can gain access to over 1,000 learning and training opportunities.

You can search the website using three categories. You can browse courses by subject, by provider, or by using a keyword search. These will help you access the information you are looking for more quickly than browsing the entire prospectus.

General information

Children with disabilities

Some children may have a disability within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010. It is unlawful for a school in relation to certain activities to treat a disabled child less favourably than a nondisabled child, without justification.

The activities where a school must take care not to discriminate unfairly concern admissions, exclusions, and the provision of education and related services. A school must make reasonable adjustments to ensure that it does not treat a disabled child less favourably although reasonable adjustments do not extend to physical adaptations or the provision of equipment. A school can justify its actions where it can demonstrate that the adjustments required are unreasonable. A disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the person's ability to carry out day to day activities.

There will be some children who have an EHCP who do not fit this definition but equally, there will be children who do not have an EHCP who are considered to have a disability.

For information on accessibility facilities available at Kent schools, please see the Kent School Accessibility App at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolaccessibilityapp.

If you think that your child has been discriminated against on the grounds of a disability in relation to the arrangements made for his or her admission, you may have a right of appeal. Advice is available at www.gov.uk.

School Fund

There is no charge or cost for admission to a maintained school, and nothing published in a school's own prospectus or said at an open evening about contributing to the School Fund should put you off applying for a place. Most schools operate a School Fund to help them pay for extra activities and equipment which cannot be provided from the school's own budget, and they invite parents to contribute to it if their child takes up a place there. Contributing to a school fund is entirely voluntary.

School activities and associated charges

Charges cannot be made for the education provided during school hours. You may, however, be charged for the cost of materials for subjects such as craft or cookery if you want your child to bring the finished article home. You will also be charged if you take up the offer of individual music tuition at your child's school.

Many schools arrange activities such as swimming, theatre visits or excursions which take pupils away from the classroom during school hours. You will be told about these in advance and may be invited to make a voluntary contribution towards their cost. Although your child will not be left out because you do not make a contribution, the success of these activities depends on the willingness of parents to cover the costs.

Most activities which take place out of school hours are regarded as optional extras for which a charge may be made. School's individual prospectuses give the times when school begins and ends. For charging purposes, the lunch break is considered to fall outside of school hours.

Full details of KCC's charging and remissions policies are available from schools. Copies may also be inspected at public libraries. The charging and remissions policies adopted by individual Governing Bodies should be explained in the individual school prospectus.

School meals

Most secondary schools have cash cafeteria arrangements, where pupils can choose what they want to buy. A main meal will typically cost between £2.50 – £3.00 (subject to change). However, this depends on the suppliers and the meal choices available.

Free school meals are available for:

- children from families who can provide evidence that they receive Income Support, Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance or the guaranteed element of Pension Credit;
- children from families who receive Child Tax Credit, provided they do not receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) which does not exceed £16,385 (subject to change under the proposed government universal credit changes). Further details are available at www.gov.uk/universal-credit.
- The children of Asylum Seekers who are supported under part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and can provide appropriate documentation from the National Asylum Support Services.

For further information and advice, please see www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children or email freeschoolmeals@kent.gov.uk.

Religious education

The law requires Community, Foundation and Voluntary Controlled schools and Academies, which do not have a religious character, to provide religious education that fulfils the requirements of a local agreed syllabus. The syllabus will reflect the fact that the religious traditions in Britain are mainly Christian, whilst considering the teaching and practices of other principal religions represented in Britain. Voluntary Aided schools and Academies with a religious character normally follow a syllabus which reflects their religious designation.

Religious education is intended for all pupils, but parents do have the right to withdraw their child from all or part of RE. If you think you may wish to do this, you are encouraged to discuss the religious education provision in the school with the Headteacher.

Collective worship

Taking each school term as a whole, most acts of collective worship in schools and academies that do not have a religious character will be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character.

Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled schools and Academies with a religious character must deliver collective worship in line with their trust deeds, articles of government or funding agreement. For example, if the school is a Church of England or Roman Catholic school, the worship must be Christian and should reflect the denomination of the school.

Like religious education, collective worship is intended for all pupils, but parents do have the right to withdraw their child from it. You may want to find out more about collective worship in the school before you make your decision.

Maintaining good behaviour

All our schools encourage a high standard of behaviour from pupils, both in and out of the classroom. We believe that education is very much about passing on the values of courtesy, consideration for others, tolerance and understanding.

Self-discipline is what we are looking for in our pupils. We want them to have pride in themselves and in how others see them.

Parents are encouraged to help develop responsible attitudes in their children and the county's schools are encouraged to maintain a close partnership with parents.

Each school has its own discipline or behaviour policy which lays down the ground rules for behaviour inside schools and whilst pupils represent the school. The policy will detail what solutions the Headteacher, and governors will consider in case of misbehaviour.

Private fostering

A privately fostered child is a child under 16 (or 18 if disabled) who is cared for by an adult who is not a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, step parent (including civil partnerships), sister or brother where the child is to be cared for in that person's home for 28 days or more. A private foster carer is someone who cares for another person's child in their own home such as:

- extended family members (great-aunts, great-uncles, cousins);
- someone who is called 'aunt' or 'uncle' but is not related to the child;
- a friend of the family;

- someone who is not married to the child's mother or father but is a partner or ex-partner.

There are many reasons for a child being privately fostered such as:

- a parent is ill;
- a parent is in prison;
- a parent is going abroad;
- the relationship between the parent and young person has broken down;
- family crisis or bereavement;
- parents might be studying or working long hours;
- a child has come from another country to study English privately or at a language school.

The law requires anybody who is privately fostering a child, or who is intending to do so, to notify social services. If you are already caring for a child under a private fostering arrangement, you must notify social services immediately.

Social services have a legal duty to make sure that the welfare of all privately fostered children is safeguarded and promoted and that they are living in safe and suitable surroundings. Social services give advice to parents, private foster carers and any child who is being privately fostered.

Please contact Specialist Children's Services on 0300 041 1111 and ask to speak to someone about a private fostering arrangement if you need to advise about a proposed private fostering arrangement or need some advice or guidance. More information is also available at www.kent.gov.uk/education.

Adolescent Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service

Local teams led by public health school nurses work with schools, parents, and other services to improve the general health and wellbeing of all secondary aged school children and their families. The teams provide advice, support and help with a variety of general health issues including daytime and nighttime wetting and soiling, healthy eating and lifestyle, puberty and growing up, sexual health, stopping smoking, drug and alcohol misuse, sleep, and complex health needs.

The School Public Health service also provide an emotional health and wellbeing service which includes interventions to address anxiety, stress, depression, self-harm, and anger management. We can also provide an emotional wellbeing counselling service, staffed by trained counsellors. The School Public Health Service also offers a confidential text messaging service that enables children and young people (11-19) to contact their school nurse directly.

As a service we work with all children, young people, and families in Kent. You do not have to be in school to use this service.

More information on our service can be found from visiting our website

www.kentyouthhealth.nhs.uk

Telephone number: 080 0113 474.

Email: kentchildrenandyoungpeoplehealthservices@nhs.net

Secondary school Immunisation Service

The following vaccinations are offered to pupils in secondary school:

- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination which protects against certain cancers and genital warts. Dose 1 offered to pupils in year 8, dose 2 offered to pupils in year 9.
- Meningococcal disease strains A, C, W, Y (MenACWY). Offered to young people in years 9 and 10.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (Td/IPV). Offered at the same time as MenACWY in years 9 and 10.

As a service we work with all children, young people, and families in Kent. You do not have to be in school to use this service.

Telephone number: 0300 123 5205.

Email: kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net

Other admissions information

We understand from the latest medical advice that children with cystic fibrosis should avoid contact and not share classrooms or communal areas, due to the increased risk of cross infection from one child with cystic fibrosis to another cystic fibrosis child. Consequently, prospective parents of children with cystic fibrosis are advised to discuss this with their preferred schools. For further advice, please contact your local Cystic Fibrosis Nurse Specialist or Team.

Help for children with additional/special educational needs

If your child has an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) or will have one by Friday 26 September 2025, their move to Secondary school will be arranged by the SEN Data Coordination Team, as their application will be different to that for a child without an EHCP it's important that you have spoken to this team – SENDataCoordination@kent.gov.uk

If your child is going through the statutory assessment process, but does not have an EHCP by the Friday 31 October 2025, you should not assume an EHCP will be issued at the end of that assessment period. You should therefore apply for a school place at a secondary school as described in this book. If you fail to do so and your child does not receive an EHCP you may not get a place at a school of your preference as all the places may be filled.

If your child is then given an EHCP as part of the assessment process, your mainstream application will be withdrawn and their application will be looked after by a SEN placement officer.

For further information about the EHCP process please contact:

- sendadmingeneral@kent.gov.uk – if your child is going through the statutory assessment process
- sendatacoordination@kent.gov.uk – if your child has an EHCP already.

Schools provide a broad and balanced curriculum and supportive framework to enable most children with additional/special educational needs to be included in mainstream schools. You will find in every school's individual prospectus a statement on how they support pupils with additional and special educational needs. When you know where your child will be going to school, you should discuss your child's needs with the Headteacher or SENCO. This will help the school determine how they can best support your child.

Many children require additional help either in specific subject areas, or socially/emotionally at some point in their school career, and these needs are identified through the monitoring of children's progress at school. If you have concerns about your child's needs, please discuss these with the school. In the same way, the school will discuss with you any concerns it has about your child's progress.

Additionally, you can also contact IASK for support (see below).

Information, Advice and Support Kent (IASK)

IASK offers confidential and impartial, information, advice, and support for parents* of children with special educational needs or disability and the same service is offered to children** and young people*** who have special educational needs or disability.

IASK has an experienced team available to listen and discuss any issues parents may have around their child's education. Working at arm's length to the authority IASK aims to empower parents, children, and young people to fully participate in discussions and make informed choices.

* parents includes all those adults with parental responsibility and carers

** children 0-16 compulsory school age

*** young people 16-25

IASK can:

- be available and accessible to answer questions via a telephone helpline or in the local community;
- offer time to discuss issues in depth and explore options;
- support at meetings with school and/or the Local authority (subject to availability);
- provide information about other agencies and processes;

- help parents to communicate their views or concerns;
- help prepare paperwork;
- help with queries about the education system;
- provide information about social care and short breaks;
- provide information about appeals to the SEND Tribunal and support to attend mediation;
- provide a range of information leaflets about education processes (available in other languages on request).

How to contact IASK

Telephone helpline: 03000 413000.

Email: iask@kent.gov.uk

The helpline is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm (answerphone and email are available 24 hours). Or book a slot at our virtual or in-person information sessions to speak to a Family Involvement Worker. We also offer workshops about different SEN topics. For further information, please see www.iask.org.uk.

If you would like to keep up to date about SEND information, please see the IASK Facebook page: Information Advice and Support IASK.

Your guide to data protection

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) gives rights to you, our customers, about how your personal information is obtained and used by KCC. GDPR also places obligations on KCC. This guide informs you of your rights under GDPR and details how we handle your personal information. Parents can find KCC's Admissions Privacy Notice at www.kent.gov.uk/privacy.

What information we hold and how we obtain it

Generally, we receive information about you from one or more of the following sources;

- the Primary school your child attends;
- KCC Admission Application Forms you complete and send to us.

We will hold your child's name, date of birth, school and address history and any information you provide us to apply under a preferred school's oversubscription criteria (e.g. sibling name, church attendance, FSM status etc.)

We will also hold the applying parent's name and address. This information will be added to your child's central education electronic record, which will be kept until your child's 25th birthday.

How we use your information

We use your information for one of a number of purposes, which are outlined below:

- the information will be used to allocate your child a place at a school under the School Admissions Code (2021)
- identifying information will be passed to schools and possibly the DfE and other officers in KCC for the purposes of strategic planning and policy development.

Caring for your information

We undertake that we will have in place a level of security appropriate to the nature of the information and the harm that might result from a breach of security. This means we will look after your personal information properly.

We will further undertake that we will:

- not hold information about you that is excessive in relation to the purpose for which it is processed;
- keep any information about you accurate and where necessary, up to date. To help us do this, please keep us informed if any of your details change;
- not keep information processed for any purpose or purposes longer than necessary;
- process your information in accordance with your rights under GDPR;

- not share your information with other people unless it is required by law or with your consent.

Your rights

The General Data Protection Regulation controls how your personal information is used by organisations, businesses, or the government. Under this legislation you have the right to:

- access any personal data held about you;
- have inaccurate information about you corrected;
- to be forgotten (erasure);
- restrict processing;
- object to processing;
- stop automated decision making;
- data portability.

You can exercise any of these rights by emailing dataprotection@kent.gov.uk. Before we can continue with your request, you will need to provide:

- proof of identify;
- proof of your current address.

If you have asked for a copy of any personal information we hold about you, you may have to pay a fee for the administrative costs of providing you with this information. We will tell you if you need to pay us anything and we reserve the right to waive any fees.

We will respond to you within one month of receiving your written request although we can extend this to three months if your request is complex.

The time period starts from when we receive sufficient information plus proof that you are who you say you are to progress your request, so please be as specific as possible in your written request. We will contact you if we need more information.

General information about GDPR and your rights can be found on the Information Commissioners website at www.ico.org.uk.

Kent schools

Types of schools

When you look at the information for individual schools in this section, you will see that there are different school types.

Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

These schools are run by KCC. This means KCC is their admission authority. KCC will therefore decide what their admission arrangements will be, as well as run their admissions process.

Foundation, Free and Voluntary Aided schools

These schools are their own admission authority, so they make decisions about what their admission arrangements will be but consult with KCC and are part of KCC's co-ordinated admissions process. Free schools are all-ability state-funded schools set up in response to local community needs. Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools were set up by voluntary bodies such as churches or charitable foundations.

Academies

There are two types of academies. Some are all-ability schools set up by sponsors from business, faith or voluntary groups working in partnership with central government and local education partners. Others are existing schools (including some grammar schools) which have converted to Academy status. The Department for Education (DfE) covers the costs of Academies, and their admission arrangements are agreed with the Secretary of State. Although they are effectively Independent schools, they provide free education, and they take part in KCC's co-ordinated admission process.

Entrance tests

All the grammar schools in KCC's area use the Kent Test to help decide which children should be offered places. These schools are highlighted as appropriate in the list below.

Some individual schools will also have their own tests as part of their admissions process. This is also stated in the list below. You should contact these schools direct for information about what tests are involved and when they will take place. The schools will inform you of the outcome of their own tests.

Admission to Cranbrook school

Cranbrook School, a grammar School and a Boarding School, admits children at two different ages, 11-year-olds into year 7 and an additional cohort of 13-year-olds into year 9. Year 7 children are assessed for eligibility via the Kent Test process. Parents that want to apply for a year 7 place should name Cranbrook School as one of their preferences as described above.

Year 9 admissions for day and boarding students are assessed through the Cranbrook Entrance Exam, which will take place Saturday 15 November 2025 for September 2026 entry.

Enquiries about testing or boarding suitability interviews for year 9 should be made directly to the school, but applications for places must be made through KCC. Cranbrook year 9 application forms can be requested by emailing kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Admission to University Technical Colleges

University Technical Colleges (UTC) offer 14–18-year-olds the opportunity to take a full-time, technically-oriented course of study. They are sponsored by a university and offer clear progression routes into higher education or further learning in work. Kent currently has one UTC, Leigh UTC in Dartford, which admits students at year 10. For further information and to apply, visit www.theleighutc.org.uk. The other UTCs in neighbouring Local Authorities are in Greenwich and Medway.

New schools for 2026-27

There are no new secondary schools opening in 2026-27.

The schools

For ease, schools have been listed by area, each split by colour.

Dartford	see pages 56 - 57
Gravesham	see pages 58 - 59
Sevenoaks & Tunbridge Wells	see pages 60 – 61
Tonbridge & Malling	see pages 62 – 63
Maidstone	see pages 64 – 65
Canterbury	see pages 66 – 67
Swale	see pages 68 – 69
Ashford	see pages 70 – 71
Folkestone & Hythe	see pages 72 – 72
Dover	see pages 73 – 74
Thanet	see pages 75 -76

Dartford

Alkerden Church of England Academy			DfE no: 886/4035
Address	Colver Drive, Alkerden, DA10 1HN	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01987 591477	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	office@alkerdenacademy.co.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.alkerdenacademy.co.uk	PAN 2026	180
Dartford Grammar School			DfE no: 886/5406
			Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	West Hill, Dartford, DA1 2HW	Sex	Boys
Tel	01322 223039	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@dartfordgrammarschool.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	www.dartfordgrammarschool.org.uk	PAN 2026	180
Dartford Grammar School for Girls			DfE no: 886/5411
			Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 2NT	Sex	Girls
Tel	01322 223123	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	cbalmer@dartfordgrammargirls.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.dartfordgrammargirls.org.uk	PAN 2026	180
Dartford Science and Technology School			DfE no: 886/4026
			Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Heath Lane, Dartford, DA1 2LY	Sex	Girls
Tel	01322 224309	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@dstc.kent.sch.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.dstc.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	150
Leigh Academy Ebbsfleet			DfE no: 886/4001
			Own test
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Southfleet Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0BZ	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01322 242252	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	info@ebbsfleet.latrust.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://leighacademyebbsfleet.org.uk/	PAN 2026	150
Leigh Academy Longfield			DfE no: 886/6914
Address	Main Road, Longfield, DA3 7PH	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01474 700700	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	info@longfield.latrust.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	www.leighacademylongfield.org.uk	PAN 2026	180
Leigh Academy Wilmington			DfE no: 886/6920
Address	Common Lane, Wilmington, DA2 7DR	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01322 272111	Year group range	Year 7 -14
Email	admissions@wilmington.latrust.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://leighacademywilmington.org.uk/	PAN 2026	240

Leigh UTC Dartford			DfE no: 886/4012
Address	Brunel Way, Dartford, DA1 5TF	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01322 626600	Year group range	Year 7 – 13
Email	admissions@theleighutc.org.uk	Status	UTC
Website	https://leighutcdartford.org.uk/	PAN 2026	120
Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy			DfE no: 886/6910
			 Own test
Address	Green Street Green Road, Dartford, DA1 1QE	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01322 620400	Year group range	Year 7 -14
Email	admissions@spla.latrust.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.sirgeoffreyleighacademy.org.uk/	PAN 2026	270
Stone Lodge School			DfE no: 886/4024
Address	Stone Lodge Road, Dartford, DA2 6FY	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01322 250340	Year group range	Year 7 -14
Email	admissions@stonelodgeschool.co.uk	Status	Free
Website	https://www.stonelodgeschool.co.uk/	PAN 2026	240
Wilmington Grammar School for Boys			DfE no: 886/5403
			 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Common Lane, Wilmington, Dartford, DA2 7DA	Sex	Boys
Tel	01322 223090	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	admissions@wgsb.co.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.wgsb.co.uk	PAN 2026	180
Wilmington Grammar School for Girls			DfE no: 886/5400
			 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Wilmington Grange, Parsons Lane, Wilmington, Dartford, DA2 7BB	Sex	Girls
Tel	01322 226351	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	jbassett@wgsg.co.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.gsgw.org.uk/	PAN 2026	180

Gravesham

Gravesend Grammar School		 Grammar school	DfE no: 886/5465
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Church Walk, Gravesend, DA12 2PR	Sex	Boys
Tel	01474 331893	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	admissions@gravesendgrammar.com	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.gravesendgrammar.com/	PAN 2026	210
Mayfield Grammar School		 Own test	 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Pelham Road, Gravesend, DA11 0JE	Sex	Girls
Tel	01474 352896	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	admissions@mgsg.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.mgsg.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	210
Meopham School			DfE no: 886/4004
Address	Wrotham Road, Meopham, Gravesend, DA13 0AH	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01474 814646	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	mss-reception@swale.at	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.meophamschool.org.uk	PAN 2026	200
Northfleet School for Girls			DfE no: 886/4040
Address	Hall Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, DA11 8AQ	Sex	Girls
Tel	01474 831020	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	admissions@nsfg.org.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.nsfg.org.uk	PAN 2026	220
Northfleet Technology College			DfE no: 886/5456
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Colyer Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, DA11 8BG	Sex	Boys
Tel	01474 533802	Year group range	Year 7 -13
Email	Admissions@ntc.Kent.sch.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.ntc.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	164
St George's Church of England School			DfE no: 886/5404
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Meadow Road, Gravesend, DA11 7LS	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01474 533082	Year group range	Year R - 13
Email	office@sgsce.co.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	210

St John's Catholic Comprehensive School

DfE no: 886/5461

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address	Rochester Road, Gravesend, DA12 2JW	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01474 534718	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	LHodges326@stj.kent.sch.uk	Status	Voluntary Aided
Website	https://www.stjohnscs.com	PAN 2026	180

Thamesview School

DfE no: 886/5407

Address	Thong Lane, Gravesend, DA12 4LF	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01474 566552	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	school@thamesview.kent.sch.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.thamesviewsch.co.uk/	PAN 2026	210

Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells

Bennett Memorial Diocesan School			DfE no: 886/5464
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Culverden Down, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9SH	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01892 521595	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@bennett.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.bennettmemorial.co.uk/	PAN 2026	300
Cranbrook School		 Boarding available from Year 9	 Grammar school
DfE no: 886/5416			
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Waterloo Road, Cranbrook, TN17 3JD	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01580 711800	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	registrar@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.cranbrookschool.co.uk/	PAN 2026	Year 7 – 90 Year 9 – 8 day & 52 boarding
Knole Academy			DfE no: 886/6905
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3LE	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01732 454608	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	admissions@knoleacademy.org	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.knoleacademy.org/	PAN 2026	240
Leigh Academy Mascalls			DfE no: 886/5439
Address	Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, TN12 6LT	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01892 835366	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	enquiries@mascalls.latrust.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://leighacademymascalls.org.uk/	PAN 2026	270
Orchards Academy			DfE no: 886/4031
Address	St Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7TE	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01322 665231	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	enquiries@orchards-tkat.org	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.orchards-tkat.org/	PAN 2026	120
Skinners' Kent Academy			DfE no: 886/6916
Address	Sandown Park, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 4PY	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01892 534377	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@skinnerskent.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.skinnerskentacademy.org.uk/	PAN 2026	180

Skinner's School

Grammar school

DfE no: 886/5418

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9PG
Tel 01892 520732
Email admissions@skidders-school.org.uk
Website https://www.skidders-school.co.uk

Sex Boys
Year group range Year 7 - 13
Status Academy
PAN 2026 160

St Gregory's Catholic School

DfE no: 886/5435

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9XL
Tel 01892 527444
Email admissions@sgschool.org.uk
Website https://www.sgschool.org.uk

Sex Mixed
Year group range Year 7 - 13
Status Academy
PAN 2026 180

Trinity School

DfE no: 886/4006

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Seal Hollow Rd, Sevenoaks, TN13 3SL
Tel 01732 469111
Email admissions@trinitysevenoaks.com
Website https://www.trinitysevenoaks.org.uk/

Sex Mixed
Year group range Year 7 - 14
Status Free
PAN 2026 180

Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School

Grammar school

DfE no: 886/4043

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Southfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9UJ
Tel 01892 520902
Email admissions@twggs.kent.sch.uk
Website https://www.twggs.kent.sch.uk/

Sex Girls
Year group range Year 7 - 13
Status Foundation
PAN 2026 174

Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys

Grammar school

DfE no: 886/4045

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Main Site: St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9XB.
 Wilderness Campus: Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3SL
Tel 01892 529551
Email thegrammarschool@twgsboys.kent.sch.uk
Website https://www.twgsb.org.uk/

Sex Boys
Year group range Year 7 - 13
Status Community
PAN 2026 300

Tonbridge and Malling

Aylesford School			DfE no: 886/4029
Address	Teapot Lane, Aylesford, ME20 7JU	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 717341	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	info@aylesford.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.aylesford.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	180
Hadlow Rural Community School			DfE no: 886/4009
			Own test
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Tonbridge Road, Hadlow, TN11 0AU	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01732 498120	Year group range	Year 7 - 11
Email	contact@hrcschool.org	Status	Free
Website	https://www.hrcschool.org	PAN 2026	75
Hillview School for Girls			DfE no: 886/5450
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Brionne Gardens, Tonbridge, TN9 2HE	Sex	Girls
Tel	01732 352793	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@hillview.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.hillview.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	236
Holmesdale School			DfE no: 886/4027
Address	Malling Road, Snodland, ME6 5HS	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01634 240416	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	ths_office@swale.at	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.holmesdale.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	180
Judd School			DfE no: 886/4622
			Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PN	Sex	Boys
Tel	01732 770880	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	enquiries@judd.kent.sch.uk	Status	Voluntary Aided
Website	https://www.judd.online	PAN 2026	180
Leigh Academy Hugh Christie			DfE no: 886/4036
Address	White Cottage Road, Tonbridge, TN10 4PU	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01732 791971	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	info@lahughchristie.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.leighacademyhughchristie.org.uk	PAN 2026	165
Leigh Academy Tonbridge			DfE no: 886/4036
Address	Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PH	Sex	Boys
Tel	01732 500600	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	info@latonbridge.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.leighacademytonbridge.org.uk	PAN 2026	180

Malling School			DfE no: 886/5425
Address	Beech Road, East Malling, West Malling, ME19 6DH	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01732 840995	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	Headteacher@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.themallingschool.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	159
Tonbridge Grammar School			DfE no: 886/5443
			 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, TN9 2JR	Sex	Girls
Tel	01732 365125	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@tgs.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.tgs.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	180
Weald of Kent Grammar School			DfE no: 886/4046
			 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Main Site: Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, TN9 2JP Sevenoaks Campus: Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3SN	Sex	Girls
Tel	01732 373500	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@wealdgs.org	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.wealdgs.org	PAN 2026	300
Wrotham School			DfE no: 886/5409
Address	Borough Green Road, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, TN15 7RD	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01732 905860	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@wrotham.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.wrothamschool.com/	PAN 2026	190

Maidstone

Cornwallis Academy

DfE no: 886/6913

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address	Hubbards Lane, Linton, Maidstone, ME17 4HX	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 743152	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	office@cornwallisacademy.com	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.futureschoolstrust.com/	PAN 2026	210

Invicta Grammar School



Grammar school

DfE no: 886/4058

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address	Huntsman Lane, Maidstone, ME14 5DS	Sex	Girls
Tel	01622 755856	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	c.fryer@invicta.viat.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.invicta.viat.org.uk	PAN 2026	240

Lenham School

DfE no: 886/4015

Address	Ham Lane, Lenham, Maidstone, ME17 2LL	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 858267	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	office@thelenham.viat.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.thelenham.viat.org.uk	PAN 2026	150

Maidstone Grammar School



Grammar school

DfE no: 886/4522

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address	Barton Road, Maidstone, ME15 7BT	Sex	Boys
Tel	01622 752101	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	school@mgs.kent.sch.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.mgs.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	205

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls



Grammar school

DfE no: 886/4523

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address	Buckland Road, Maidstone, ME16 0SF	Sex	Girls
Tel	01622 752103	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@mggs.org	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.mggs.org/	PAN 2026	210

Maplesden Noakes School

DfE no: 886/5401

Address	Buckland Road, Maidstone, ME16 0TJ	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 759036	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@maplesden.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.maplesden.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	240

New Line Learning Academy			DfE no: 886/6912
Address	Boughton Lane, Maidstone, ME15 9QL	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 743286	Year group range	Year 7 - 11
Email	office@newlinelearning.com	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.newlinelearning.com/	PAN 2026	210
Oakwood Park Grammar School			DfE no: 886/5422
			 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 8AH	Sex	Boys
Tel	01622 726683	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	office@opgs.org	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.opgs.org	PAN 2026	160
School of Science and Technology Maidstone			DfE no: 886/4019
Address	New Cut Road, Maidstone, ME14 5GQ	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 938444	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	admissions@sst.viat.org.uk	Status	Free
Website	https://www.sstmaidstone.viat.org.uk/	PAN 2026	180
St Augustine Academy			DfE no: 886/4000
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Oakwood Road, Maidstone, ME16 8AE	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 752490	Year group range	Year 7 - 11
Email	office@saa.woodard.co.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.saa.woodard.co.uk/	PAN 2026	150
St Simon Stock Catholic School			DfE no: 886/5432
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Oakwood Park, Maidstone, ME16 0JP	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 754551	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@ssscs.co.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.ssscs.co.uk/	PAN 2026	180
Valley Park School			DfE no: 886/4249
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Huntsman Lane, Maidstone, ME14 5DT	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01622 679421	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@valleypark.viat.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.valleypark.viat.org.uk/	PAN 2026	240

Canterbury

Archbishop's School			DfE no: 886/5426
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	St Stephens Hill, Canterbury, CT2 7AP	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01227 765805	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admin@archbishops.kent.sch.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.archbishops-school.co.uk/	PAN 2026	140
Barton Court Grammar School			DfE no: 886/5444
			 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Longport, Canterbury, CT1 1PH	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01227 464600	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	office@bartoncourt.org	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.bartoncourt.org	PAN 2026	150
Barton Manor School			DfE no: 886/4028
Address	Spring Lane, Canterbury, CT1 1SU	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01227 532140	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	office@bartonmanor.org	Status	Free
Website	https://www.bartonmanor.org/	PAN 2026	150
Canterbury Academy			DfE no: 886/5421
			 Own test
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Knight Avenue, Canterbury, CT2 8QA	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01227 463971	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	admissions@canterbury.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	210
Herne Bay High School			DfE no: 886/5448
Address	Bullockstone Road, Herne Bay, CT6 7NS	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01227 361221	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	k.molloy@hernebayhigh.org	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.hernebayhigh.org	PAN 2026	258
Orion Spires			DfE no: 886/6911
Address	Bredlands Lane, Sturry, Canterbury, CT2 0HD	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01227 710392	Year group range	Year 7 - 11
Email	info@orionspires.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.orionspires.org.uk	PAN 2026	150

Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School

Grammar school

DfE no: 886/4534

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3EW**Tel** 01227 463711**Email** admissions@langton.kent.sch.uk**Website** <https://www.langton.kent.sch.uk/>**Sex**

Girls

Year group range

Year 7 - 13

StatusVoluntary
Controlled**PAN 2026**

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Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys

Grammar school

DfE no: 886/5412

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Langton Lane, Nackington Road, Canterbury, CT4 7AS**Tel** 01227 463567**Email** admissions@thelangton.kent.sch.uk**Website** <https://www.thelangton.org.uk/>**Sex**

Boys

Year group range

Year 7 - 13

Status

Foundation

PAN 2026

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St Anselm's Catholic School

DfE no: 886/5446

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3EN**Tel** 01227 826200**Email** admissions@st-anselms.org.uk**Website** <https://www.stanselmscanterbury.org.uk/>**Sex**

Mixed

Year group range

Year 7 - 13

Status

Academy

PAN 2026

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Whitstable School

DfE no: 886/4091

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Bellevue Road, Whitstable, CT5 1PX**Tel** 01227 931300**Email** tws_admin@swale.at**Website** <https://www.thewhitstableschool.org.uk>**Sex**

Mixed

Year group range

Year 7 - 13

Status

Academy

PAN 2026

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Swale

Abbey School			DfE no: 886/4033
Address	London Road, Faversham, ME13 8RZ	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01795 532633	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	zlonghurst@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk	PAN 2026	210
Borden Grammar School			DfE no: 886/4527
		 Own test	 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne, ME10 4DB	Sex	Boys
Tel	01795 424192	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	jcole@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.website.bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	150
EKC Sheppey Secondary			DfE no: 886/4037
Address	Marine Parade, Sheerness, ME12 2BE	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01795 582500	Year group range	Year 7 - 11
Email	office@ekcsheppeysecondary.org	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.ekcsheppeysecondary.org	PAN 2026	150
Fulston Manor School			DfE no: 886/5414
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Brenchley Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 4EG	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01795 475228	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	210
Highsted Grammar School			DfE no: 886/4080
		 Own test	 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Highsted Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 4PT	Sex	Girls
Tel	01795 424223	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admin@highsted.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.highsted.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	150
Leigh Academy Minster			DfE no: 886/4038
Address	Minster Road, Sheerness, ME12 3JQ	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01795 358250	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	info@minster.latrust.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.leighacademyminster.org.uk/	PAN 2026	180

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

Grammar school

DfE no: 886/5449

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address	Abbey Place, Faversham, ME13 7BQ	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01795 533132	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	office@queenelizabeths.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.queenelizabeths.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	180

Sittingbourne School

DfE no: 886/4002

Address	Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne, ME10 4NL	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01795 472449	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	tss-office@swale.at	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.thesittingbourneschool.org.uk	PAN 2026	270

Westlands School

DfE no: 886/5434

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address	Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, ME10 1PF	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01795 477475	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	westlandsoffice@swale.at	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.westlands.org.uk/	PAN 2026	285

Ashford

Chilmington Green School			DfE no: 886/4032		
Address	Jemmett Road, Ashford, TN23 4QE	Sex	Mixed	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Tel	01233 438800	Status	Free	PAN 2026	180
Email	info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk				
Website	https://www.chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk/				
Highworth Grammar School			DfE no: 886/4092		
			Grammar school		
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.					
Address	Maidstone Road, Ashford, TN24 8UD	Sex	Girls	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Tel	01233 624910	Status	Academy	PAN 2026	210
Email	admissions@highworth.kent.sch.uk				
Website	https://www.highworth.kent.sch.uk/				
Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre			DfE no: 886/5408		
			Own test		
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.					
Address	Ashford Road, Tenterden, TN30 6LT	Sex	Mixed	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Tel	01580 764222	Status	Academy	PAN 2026	300
Email	l.castle@homewood.kent.sch.uk				
Website	https://www.homewood-school.co.uk/				
John Wallis Church of England Academy			DfE no: 886/6919		
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.					
Address	Millbank Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford, TN23 3HG	Sex	Mixed	Year group range	Year R - 14
Tel	01233 623465	Status	Academy	PAN 2026	210
Email	admissions@thejohnwallisacademy.org				
Website	https://www.thejohnwallisacademy.org				
North School			DfE no: 886/4246		
Address	Essella Road, Ashford, TN24 8AL	Sex	Mixed	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Tel	01233 614600	Status	Academy	PAN 2026	215
Email	TNS-Office@swale.at				
Website	https://www.thenorthschool.org.uk/				
Norton Knatchbull School			DfE no: 886/4528		
			Grammar school		
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.					
Address	Hythe Road, Ashford, TN24 0QJ	Sex	Boys	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Tel	01233 620045	Status	Academy	PAN 2026	210
Email	esecombe@nks.kent.sch.uk				
Website	https://www.nks.kent.sch.uk				

Towers School and Sixth Form Centre			DfE no: 886/4196
Address	Faversham Road, Kennington, Ashford, TN24 9AL	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01233 634171	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	year7admissions@towers.school	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.towers.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	243
Wye School			DfE no: 886/4007
Address	Olantigh Road, Wye, TN25 5EJ	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01233 811110	Year group range	Year 7 - 11
Email	Caroline.Castle@wyeschool.org.uk	Status	Free
Website	https://www.wyeschool.org.uk/	PAN 2026	90

Folkestone & Hythe

Brockhill Park Performing Arts College			DfE no: 886/5466
Address	Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, CT21 4HL	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01303 265521	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	office@brockhill.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	235
Folkestone Academy			DfE no: 886/4020
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Academy Lane, Folkestone, CT19 5FP	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01303 842400	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	Secondary.admin@folkestoneacademy.com	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.folkestoneacademy.com	PAN 2026	180
Folkestone School for Girls		 Own test	 Grammar school
DfE no: 886/5437			
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Coolinge Lane, Folkestone, CT20 3RB	Sex	Girls
Tel	01303 251125	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	npetrie@folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	180
Harvey Grammar School		 Own test	 Grammar school
DfE no: 886/4101			
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Cheriton Road, Folkestone, CT19 5JY	Sex	Boys
Tel	01303 252131	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	enquiries@harveygs.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.harveygs.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	150
Marsh Academy			DfE no: 886/6909
Address	Station Road, New Romney, TN28 8BB	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01797 364593	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	MClayson@marshacademy.org.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.marshacademy.org.uk	PAN 2026	180
Turner Free School			DfE no: 886/4021
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Tile Kiln Lane, Cheriton, Folkestone, CT19 4PB	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01303 842400	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	tfsadmissions@turnerschools.com	Status	Free
Website	https://www.turnerFreechool.org	PAN 2026	180

Dover

Astor Secondary School			DfE no: 886/4133
Address	Astor Avenue, Dover, CT17 0AS	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01304 201151	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	office@astorschool.com	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.astorschool.com	PAN 2026	150
Dover Christ Church Academy			DfE no: 886/4034
Address	Melbourne Avenue, Dover, CT16 2EG	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01304 820126	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	dccaadmissions@turnerschools.com	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.dccacademy.com	PAN 2026	150
Dover Grammar School for Boys		 Own test	 Grammar school
DfE no: 886/5459			
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Astor Avenue, Dover, CT17 0DQ	Sex	Boys
Tel	01304 206117	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@dgsb.co.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.dgsb.co.uk	PAN 2026	150
Dover Grammar School for Girls		 Own test	 Grammar school
DfE no: 886/4109			
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Frith Road, Dover, CT16 2PZ	Sex	Girls
Tel	01304 206625	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	enquiries@dggs.kent.sch.uk	Status	Community
Website	https://www.dggs.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	140
Duke of York's Royal Military School		 Own test	 Boarding school
DfE no: 886/6919			
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, CT15 5EQ	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01304 245023	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@doyrms.com	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.doyrms.com	PAN 2026	104
Goodwin Academy			DfE no: 886/4023
Address	Hamilton Road, Deal, CT14 9BD	Sex	Mixed
Tel	03333 602210	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	amy.bridges@goodwinacademy.tsat.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.goodwinacademy.org.uk/	PAN 2026	150
Sandwich Technology School			DfE no: 886/5463
Address	Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13 0FA	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01304 610000	Year group range	Year 7 - 14
Email	admin@sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	245

Sir Roger Manwood's School

Grammar school

DfE no: 886/5428

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Manwood Road, Sandwich, CT13 9JX
Tel 01304 610200
Email admissions@srms.kent.sch.uk
Website <https://www.manwoods.co.uk>

Sex Mixed
Year group range Year 7 - 13
Status Academy
PAN 2026 150

St Edmund's Catholic School

DfE no: 886/4013

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address Old Charlton Road, Dover, CT16 2QB
Tel 01304 201551
Email office@st-edmunds.com
Website <https://www.st-edmunds.com>

Sex Mixed
Year group range Year 7 - 13
Status Academy
PAN 2026 120

Thanet

Charles Dickens School			DfE no: 886/4016
Address	Broadstairs Road, Broadstairs, CT10 2RL	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01843 862988	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@cds.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.cds.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	232
Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School			DfE no: 886/5462
			 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Chatham Street, Ramsgate, CT11 7PS	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01843 591075	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	registrar@ccgrammarschool.co.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.ccgrammarschool.co.uk	PAN 2026	180
Dane Court Grammar School			DfE no: 886/5460
			 Grammar school
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Broadstairs Road, Broadstairs, CT10 2RT	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01843 864941	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	hobbs@danecourt.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.danecourt.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	165
Hartsdown Academy			DfE no: 886/4172
Address	George V Avenue, Margate, CT9 5RE	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01843 227957	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@hartsdown.org	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.hartsdown.org/	PAN 2026	150
King Ethelbert School			DfE no: 886/4120
Address	Canterbury Road, Birchington, CT7 9BL	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01843 831999	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@kingethelbert.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.kingethelbert.com/	PAN 2026	150
Royal Harbour Academy			DfE no: 886/4030
Address	Newlands Lane, Ramsgate, CT12 6RH	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01843 572500	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	admissions@rha.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.rha.kent.sch.uk	PAN 2026	200
St George's Church of England Foundation School			DfE no: 886/5447
This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.			
Address	Westwood Road, Broadstairs, CT10 2LH	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01843 609000	Year group range	Year R - 14
Email	admin@st-georgescofe-thanet.kent.sch.uk	Status	Foundation
Website	https://www.stgeorges-school.org.uk/	PAN 2026	217

Ursuline College

DfE no: 886/4633

This school has a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which is available from and returned directly to the school.

Address	225 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, CT8 8LX	Sex	Mixed
Tel	01843 834431	Year group range	Year 7 - 13
Email	Headpa@ursuline.kent.sch.uk	Status	Academy
Website	https://www.ursuline.kent.sch.uk/	PAN 2026	150

Last year's outcomes

In September 2025 there were 18,541 children requesting year 7 places across Kent.

For admission to year 7, 96.47% of pupils got a place at one of the schools named as a preference with 80.59% getting an offer of a place at their 1st preference school.

You will find information below about last year's offer day which includes the school's intake, the number of applications that were received for each school (which includes all 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th preferences and applications from children with an EHCP), the total number of offers and any allocations made by the Local authority.

Admissions Offer Day outcomes for 2025 entry.

DFE No.	School Name	Intake	Total Applications (inc. EHCP)	Offers (inc. EHCP)	LA Allocations
4033	Abbey School	210	304	161	49
5426	Archbishop's School	150	310	112	38
4113	Astor Secondary school	170	284	102	35
4029	Aylesford School	180	504	180	0
5444	Barton Court Grammar School	150	761	94	0
4028	Barton Manor School	150	647	150	0
5464	Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	300	1106	300	0
4527	Borden Grammar School	150	162	125	5 or less
5466	Brockhill Park Performing Arts College	235	700	235	0
5421	Canterbury Academy	210	872	210	0
4016	Charles Dickens School	232	875	232	0
5462	Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School	180	451	112	5 or less
4032	Chilmington Green School	180	651	180	0
6913	Cornwallis Academy	240	648	240	0
5416	Cranbrook School	90	274	90	0
5460	Dane Court Grammar School	165	536	165	0
5406	Dartford Grammar School	180	1319	180	0
5411	Dartford Grammar School for Girls	180	1117	180	0
4026	Dartford Science & Technology College	150	516	150	0
4034	Dover Christ Church Academy	150	349	150	0
5459	Dover Grammar School for Boys	158	374	158	0
4109	Dover Grammar School for Girls	140	359	140	0

6918	Duke of York's Royal Military School	104	41	16	0
4001	Ebbsfleet Academy	150	369	153	12
4037	EKC Sheppey Secondary	150	242	150	0
4020	Folkestone Academy	180	397	157	23
5437	Folkestone School for Girls	180	360	174	0
5414	Fulston Manor School	210	897	210	0
4023	Goodwin Academy	180	220	122	5 or less
5465	Gravesend Grammar School	210	681	210	0
4009	Hadlow Rural Community School	100	267	96	5 or less
4172	Hartsdown Academy	180	275	144	36
4101	Harvey Grammar School	150	332	150	0
5448	Herne Bay High School	274	479	274	0
4080	Highsted Grammar School	150	327	111	0
4092	Highworth Grammar School	224	423	190	0
5450	Hillview School for Girls	236	723	236	0
4027	Holmesdale School	180	226	131	32
5408	Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre	360	615	348	5 or less
4058	Invicta Grammar School	250	663	245	0
6919	John Wallis Church of England Academy	210	429	181	25
4622	Judd School	180	750	180	0
4120	King Ethelbert School	154	545	154	0
6905	Knole Academy	240	932	240	0
4036	Leigh Academy Hugh Christie	165	216	85	37
4038	Leigh Academy Minster	180	419	180	0
5455	Leigh Academy Tonbridge	180	712	180	0
4012	Leigh UTC	120	311	98	22
4015	Lenham School	160	411	160	0
6914	Longfield Academy	180	501	180	0
4522	Maidstone Grammar School	205	588	205	0
4004	Meopham School	200	500	147	42
6912	New Line Learning Academy	210	295	156	44
4246	North School	215	682	215	0
4040	Northfleet School for Girls	220	558	220	0
5456	Northfleet Technology College	189	402	189	0
4528	Norton Knatchbull School	210	377	174	0
5422	Oakwood Park Grammar School	160	561	140	5 or less
4031	Orchards Academy	120	180	120	0
5449	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School	180	521	180	0
4030	Royal Harbour Academy	230	463	230	0
5463	Sandwich Technology School	245	323	136	77
4019	School of Science and Technology Maidstone	192	1139	192	0
4534	Simon Langton Girls' Grammar	180	434	165	0

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5412	Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys	150	471	150	0
6910	Sir Geoffrey Leigh Academy	270	679	227	37
5428	Sir Roger Manwood's School	150	397	113	0
4002	Sittingbourne School	285	829	285	0
6916	Skinners' Kent Academy	180	618	180	0
5418	Skinners' School	160	700	160	0
6911	Spires Academy	150	249	94	27
5446	St Anselm's Catholic School	180	838	180	0
4000	St Augustine Academy	210	400	119	45
4013	St Edmund's Catholic School	150	497	150	0
5447	St George's Church of England Foundation School	217	969	217	0
5404	St George's Church of England School	210	968	210	0
5435	St Gregory's Catholic School	210	538	154	11
5461	St John's Catholic Comprehensive School	190	810	190	0
5432	St Simon Stock Catholic School	180	560	180	0
4024	Stone Lodge School	240	668	240	0
5407	Thamesview School	210	367	196	14
5443	Tonbridge Grammar School	180	788	180	0
4196	Towers School and Sixth Form Centre	243	818	243	0
4006	Trinity School	180	726	180	0
4043	Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School	174	624	174	0
4045	Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys	300	1060	300	0
4021	Turner Free School	180	587	180	0
4633	Ursuline College	170	492	170	0
4249	Valley Park School	240	925	240	0
4046	Weald of Kent Grammar School	300	901	300	0
5434	Westlands School	300	967	300	0
4091	Whitstable School	210	476	198	12
6920	Wilmington Academy	240	1163	240	0
5403	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	180	854	180	0
5400	Wilmington Grammar School for Girls	180	798	180	0
5409	Wrotham School	210	547	210	0
4007	Wye School	120	571	120	0

Contact information

Kent County Council (LA: 886)

	Secondary admissions enquiries: kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk
	Online application enquiries: kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
	School transport enquiries: homeschooltransport@kent.gov.uk
	Special Educational Needs enquiries: sendadmingeneral@kent.gov.uk
	www.kent.gov.uk/education
	03000 412121 The helpline is open Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm.

I have more questions, who else can I talk to?

If you have looked at this book, visited the schools and talked to your child's teachers but still have questions on the secondary transfer process, the Secondary Admissions Team can be contacted on the details above.

Alternatively, your primary school may have a Family Liaison Officer (FLO) or Parent Support Adviser (PSA) who you can talk to at school. They may be able to offer you any extra help or advice if you are finding the secondary transfer process difficult to understand.

Neighbouring local authorities

-  **Medway Council** www.medway.gov.uk
-  **London Borough of Bexley** www.bexley.gov.uk
-  **London Borough of Bromley** www.bromley.gov.uk
-  **Surrey County Council** www.surrey.gov.uk
-  **East Sussex County Council** www.eastsussex.gov.uk

Glossary

Term	Definition
Admission authority	The body that decides upon and applies the admission arrangements for a school. In relation to a Community or Voluntary Controlled school means the Local Authority and, in relation to a Foundation or Voluntary Aided school and Academy, means the governing body of that school.
Admission arrangements	The arrangements for a particular school or schools which govern the procedures and decision making for the purposes of admitting pupils to the school. Sometimes also referred to as an Admissions Policy.
Admission criteria	The set of rules which a school uses to place children into priority order, or rank, if it receives more requests for places than it has spaces available.
Appeal panel	This is the independent panel which hears appeals relating to school admissions.
Coordinated Scheme	The process used by a Local authority to ensure the distribution of offers of places for schools in their area during the normal admission round.
Community school	These schools are run and funded fully by the Local authority, who determine their admission arrangements and make admissions decisions.
DfE number	The unique identification number assigned to an individual school by the Department for Education (DfE). This number helps to avoid confusion between schools with a similar name.
EHCP	Education, Health & Care Plans (formally Statement of Special Educational Need) is a formally recognised assessment of a child's educational needs and can name a school as suitable to provide education for that child.
Eligible for a place	Means that a child has been placed on a school's ranked list at such a point as falls within the school's published admission number.
Foundation school	Foundation schools are funded by central government via the Local authority, but the governing body is responsible for the admission arrangements.
Free school	A type of academy which is an all-ability, state-funded school set up in response to what local people say they want and need to improve education for their children. Free schools are run by their own governing body.
Grammar school	A school which only admits children who have passed the relevant selection test (e.g. Kent Test).
Infant school	Infant schools admit children aged 4 to 6 years. The year groups are from reception year to year 2.
Junior school	Junior schools admit children aged 7 to 11 years. The year groups are

	from year 3 to year 6.
KCC	Kent County Council.
Kent Test	A selection test which assesses a child's suitability to be educated in a Kent grammar school.
LA	A Local authority.
Local authority area	The area in respect of which Kent County Council is the Local authority.
IYAF	In Year Admission Form – this is the form used by parents to apply for a school place outside of a school's normal point of entry.
Last distance offered	The distance that the lowest ranked child offered a place at the school lived from the school in miles.
Local authority allocation	If none of the parent's preferred schools can offer a school place the Local Authority will allocate a child a school place. This will usually be at the nearest school to the home address which still has remaining places available after all other applications have been considered.
Local authority (LA) Number	The unique identification number assigned to each individual local authority. Kent County Council is 886.
National Offer Day	The date you will find out the result of your application (Monday 2 March 2026)
Normal admission round	The period in which parents may apply for a school place for the first point of entry to a school in the following academic year.
Oversubscribed	A school is oversubscribed when it has more applications than it has places available.
Primary school	Primary schools admit children aged 4 to 11 years. The year groups are from reception year to year 6.
Preferences	Parents can name up to four schools they would like their child to attend. However, there is no guarantee that a place will be available if any, or all, of the preferred schools are oversubscribed.
Published Admission Number (PAN)	This is the number of places available in each year group at a school and is based on the available usable space in the school.
Secondary school	Educates children from year 7 to year 11 (11yrs old – 16yrs old) and sometimes sixth form
SIF	Supplementary Information Form – This is a form used by some schools which may be used by them to collect additional information at the time of application for them to apply their over subscription criteria. They are most used by Faith Schools to collect details in relation to a level of commitment to Faith which can be a factor in the priority given.
Sixth form	Years 12 and 13 at a secondary school – not all schools have these.
Reallocation	The period in which parents, who were not offered a place in the normal admission round at their preferred school may join the waiting list for entry to a school, and those who have missed the original deadline for applications may be considered for places.

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