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Dear Parents and Carers.

Information for Pupils sitting the Kent Test on Thursday 8th September

In order to ensure all parents and pupils are fully informed about the actual test day, I have produced the following information which will also be shared with the children.

When and where is the Kent Test taking place?

The test is on Thursday 7th September. It will take place in Mildmay Classroom and will commence at 8.55am. I would like all pupils to come to school early that morning in order to be ready for a prompt start. They are welcome to come to my office via the front door from 8.30am and should be in by 8.45am at the latest please. I will have some croissants, fruit and milk for them as a light snack.

What tests will they sit and how long do they take?

The first test will be an English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

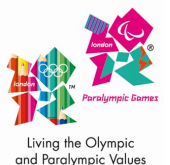
The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.

The English, Maths and Reasoning tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine. The children will work in pencil and should clearly rub out any mistakes and mark the correct answer on their sheet.

There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

With each test (except the non-verbal reasoning as these are short tests) a time warning will be provided eg 5 minutes or 1 minute.

The children will be provided with pencils, pens, rubbers and rough paper for the tests and do not need to bring anything except their reading book in case they finish the writing task early.



Who will run the tests? What breaks and snacks can the children have?

I will be running the tests, with an invigilator from a local school also present in the room. We will take the children outside for breaks of around 20 minutes between the tests and offer them snacks to keep their energy levels up; they may also bring snacks from home. They must use the breaks to go to the toilet as they will be unable to go to the toilet during the tests unless it is at a natural break eg between two reasoning tests.

Over the next few days, Mrs Sheraton and I will work with the Kent Test candidates to complete the practice materials provided by Kent.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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Head

