



Northbourne Park School (including EYFS)

Kent Test Policy and Procedures

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Northbourne Park School recognises the importance of the Kent Test to many of our parents as a route through to Kent Grammar schools. The 11+ Kent Test is an academically selective test aimed at identifying those pupils who are eligible for Grammar School places, and Northbourne Park has an excellent record of successfully supporting successful transition to Grammar School.

The Process.

The Headmaster writes to all parents of Year 5 in September asking whether they are interested in their child taking the Kent Test. In order to discuss the Kent Test further, the Headmaster meets individually with parents where requested.

Assessment of Pupils in School.

Northbourne Park knows its pupils well. We measure pupil progress through informal observation and discussion, as well as through a wide variety of more formal procedures, including nationally standardised benchmarking of pupil attainment and progress.

Individual Kent Test Meetings with Parents.

Based on this assessment information above, the Headmaster will discuss with parents whether individual children are recommended for the Kent Test.

The Kent Test pass mark changes every year, but is usually an aggregate of 320 marks with no one mark falling below 106 / 107.

The Headmaster also discusses the following with parents deciding whether to put their child forward for the test:

1. The Kent Test can be a demanding process and candidates should be confident and comfortable with the tests.
2. Parents and children should go into the tests with realistic expectations regarding the likelihood and consequences of success and failure.
3. Some children are suited to the Grammar School environment, but not all.
4. 90% of the **preparation** that NPS provides for the Kent Test is through our normal curriculum, which pays due regard to and enhances the National Curriculum.
5. NPS does provide Kent test candidates with **familiarisation** support in term time and during holiday clubs.
6. Kent County Council does not endorse individual **coaching** for the Kent Test.

Further guidance on the Kent Test process can be found here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>