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## **Admissions – Transfer to Secondary Education in September 2021 (Medway Test 2020)**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you regarding the Medway Test which is due to take place in September 2020 as part of the secondary admissions process for children transferring to Year 7 in September 2021.

Many families will currently be deciding whether they wish to enter their child for the Medway Test this year. If you do wish to register your child for the Test, I understand that you may be concerned about how and when the Medway Test will take place given the current measures in place due to COVID-19.

I am not currently able to specify what the assessment arrangements will be, but I assure you that an assessment will take place for those who would like the opportunity to be considered for Medway grammar schools. We are currently liaising with schools to determine the best method and time of assessment. We must take into account national legislation and guidance from the Department of Education, but we are striving for a solution that is in the best interests of our children.

You may have concerns about how the amount of missed classroom time this year could impact upon your child's Medway Test assessment however schools are working tirelessly to ensure education and support is still provided for all pupils. When children are phased back into school, schools will continue working hard to ensure your child is settled as soon as possible. If your child is registered for the Test, we will provide a familiarisation guide to ensure that, if the method of assessment is a test, your child can familiarise themselves with the layout and format of the test.

### **Important Dates**

Registration for grammar school assessment will be open during the planned dates of **1 June 2020** until **29 June 2020**. If you would like your child to be considered for Medway grammar schools, you must register them online at [www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](http://www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions) between those dates.

If you feel your child would require special arrangements for a Test, you need to discuss this with their school as the school must submit the special arrangements request to Medway Council by **Monday 6 July 2020**.

This is naturally an anxious time for parents, but we will provide further information as soon as it becomes available. Information will be communicated through Medway schools and on our website at [www.medway.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.medway.gov.uk/admissions) under 'Apply for a secondary school place'.

Yours sincerely

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