

Year 7 Admissions FAQs

Applying to Weald of Kent Grammar School

How many Year 7 places do you have? Our published admission number (PAN) is 270.

What Kent Test (11+) score does my daughter need for a place at Weald? We accept applications from any student who is 'grammar-assessed' by KCC, i.e. who has passed the test with the required scores in each paper. The score threshold changes each year.

Do you take students from outside Kent? Yes, but they might not be allocated a place during the first round of offers. We strongly urge those who live outside Kent to consider the nature of their child's journey to school before naming us on their application form or applying to us as an In-Year Admission.

What is the SIF that needs to be returned to you? The supplementary information form (SIF) is required only if your daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium. Please ensure the form and evidence (a letter from her current school or council) is sent directly to Weald of Kent by 31st October.

We have just moved to Kent and missed the testing and application process. What can I do? Please contact KCC who will advise you. Telephone 03000 412121, or email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

We missed your open events; can we have a private tour? Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any tours of the school outside our published open events, details of which can be found on our website <u>HERE</u>.

How do I make an out-of-year application for my child? Requests for admission to Year 7 outside of the normal age group should be made to the Headteacher in writing between April and May of Year 5. Parents should provide evidence to support their request. If a child has a medical or educational psychologist report, this evidence must be provided with the application. The school will provide acknowledgement of this request and parents should then make an application via paper CAF to the LA attaching the written acknowledgement from the school. All applications will be processed in line with our normal admissions policy for the relevant cohort. Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child, and include the views of the headteacher.

What is National Offer Day? On National Offer Day, Monday3 March 2024, KCC advise parents of the secondary school at which their child has been offered a place. If you have been offered a place at Weald of Kent, you will hear from us within a week and we will ask you to complete a campus preference form and acceptance form. You will be notified of which campus you have been allocated at a later date.

What is the best way to ask a question regarding admission to Weald of Kent? School telephone lines are always busy. We would be very grateful if you could please direct any

admissions queries by email in the first instance to <u>admissions@wealdgs.org</u> and we will respond to your enquiry as soon as possible.

Appeals and Reallocations

My daughter has not been offered a place at Weald of Kent, but we still wish to be considered. What do we do? Providing you have named us on your SCAF, then you can appeal for a school place with us following National Offer Day. School appeals are coordinated by Education Appeals and are completely independent of Weald of Kent.

What if my daughter doesn't pass the Kent Test? There is no right of appeal against the assessment decision. However, as above, providing you have named us on your SCAF, then you can appeal for a school place with us following National Offer Day.

If you did not name us on your SCAF, please follow the guidance on the KCC offer email or refer to KCC.

What happens if my appeal is unsuccessful? If your appeal is unsuccessful then we cannot offer your daughter a place at Weald of Kent during Year 7. If you still wish to seek admission to Weald of Kent, then we can discuss testing during the summer term of Year 7 with admission proposed for the start of Year 8 if they are successful.

How do we contact KCC Admissions? Email the admissions team at kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 412121.

What is the Reallocation process? Following any declines from the first round offers (i.e. the initial 270 students offered a place at Weald of Kent), KCC will offer further places at Weald of Kent from their waiting list. The Reallocation takes place on 24 April and is subject to our admissions criteria and PAN. Applicants successful in the Reallocation process are notified by email from KCC.

Campus Information

How do we apply for a particular campus? After you have been offered a place at Weald of Kent, we will email you and ask you to complete a campus preference form.

We will email you with the campus your daughter has been allocated at a date set out in the welcome email.

We did not get our preferred campus, what can we do? Although we endeavour to meet all preferences you may still be offered either campus. If you do not get the campus, you wanted you can go on a campus waitlist which will be held until the first week of September.

EHCP and Other Additional/Special Needs

My daughter has an EHCP, what do I do? The SENCO at your child's primary school should be able to advise you of the process as this is not dealt with in the usual application window. Speak to Kent Admissions if you are unsure.

Determined Oversubscription Criteria

What are determined oversubscription criteria? These are a series of criteria against which places are allocated in order where there are more applications than school places.

What are the Determined Oversubscription Criteria for Entry into Year 7 for Weald of Kent? Places are allocated to grammar-assessed students in the following priority order:

- 1. Looked After Children
- 2. Pupil Premium
- 3. Current Family Association
- 4. Health and Special Access Reasons
- 5. Children of Permanent Members of Staff
- Distance of the child's home to school. The distance will be measured from the child's permanent home to the designated OS reference point (TQ 59489 45217) of the Tonbridge Campus.

6 includes the following postcodes and parishes:

Tonbridge Town is made up of TN9, TN10, TN11 and TN12 and the Parishes of Ightham, Ivy Hatch, Kings Hill, Pembury, Platt and St Mary's Platt, Plaxtol and Shipbourne.

The following Parishes within the Sevenoaks district are included:

Brasted, Chevening, Chiddingstone, Cowden, Dunton Green, Edenbridge, Godden Green, Halstead, Hever, Kemsing, Knockholt, Leigh, Otford, Penshurst, Riverhead, Seal, Sevenoaks town, Sevenoaks Weald and Underriver, Shoreham, Sundridge and Ide Hill, Westerham and Crockham Hill.

7. All other Postcodes.

(Please note this information on determined oversubscription criteria is an abbreviated version of the full document which can be found <u>HERE</u>, in our Admissions policy)