



# Sandgate Primary School

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To Parents/Carers of Year 6 children

## **Application to Secondary School for September 2017**

I am sending this letter to all Year 6 Parents as it is important we all feel informed.

We are fortunate to have two routes in to our local grammar schools here in Shepway; the Kent tests and the Shepway tests. Both are equally valid, and valuable, in securing a place at The Folkestone School for Girls or The Harvey Grammar School. There are all kinds of reasons why children may do better in one set of tests than another, on one day but not another. They are children. We value them and love them.

As adults, we have to manage the process of receiving the results. Whichever results you receive first, there is one to come. If you entered your son or daughter for the P.E.S.E. tests the results will be posted to you on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October by first class post and you should receive them on Friday morning; they come to you direct from the Local Education Authority. If you registered online you can access these results from 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. On the same day we will post your child's test scores to you.

### Shepway Tests

The Harvey Grammar School and The Folkestone School for Girls will email the results to parents on the afternoon of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October and will post the results to parents who did not supply an email address.

Sharing news with your child about their test results is a private family business and should be done at home. We appreciate the feelings of all our children and know that for some there will be disappointment, that is another reason why the results should be shared at home and not in school.

If you would find it helpful we have offered you an appointment with me on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to discuss secondary options if you are undecided. This is not a progress check; you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's attainment and progress at the consultations in November. I know you are making the most of opportunities to visit secondary schools in order to decide upon your preferences for your son or daughter. Once decided, you should complete the Local Authorities Secondary Common Application Form (Kent SCAF) online, naming up to four secondary schools in order of preference - this must be completed by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016. If you do not have internet access or would like help with this procedure, Miss Fuggle would be more than happy to assist you.

I know we are united in putting children first and that their wellbeing and confidence is all important. We will be supporting our children in making a positive transition to secondary education. Good friendships are not divided by going to different schools.

We are only at the beginning of Year 6 and there is still so much to do. Being at "the top of the school" is a special time and is part of the building process towards adult life. The children are continuing to move their learning forward and work hard. They have their important national tests in May. These matter to each individual child as a benchmark of their attainment which is used as a predictor for future attainment at secondary school.

Finally, well done to all our children for being the types of children secondary schools are very pleased to have.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Matthew Green**  
**Headteacher**