



# Palace Wood Primary School

Secondary Transfer Meeting

Date	Event	Comment
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	<b>National SCAF closing date</b> <b>Copy of on-line application (or paper SCAF) to be returned to school if possible</b>	Although on-line application is preferred, the school has a limited number of paper copies. Please contact the school office.
26 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Kent Test assessment decisions posted to parents. If registration was on-line then assessment result will be e-mailed after 4.00 p.m.	E-mails often take some time to come through. No appeals can be made against the test decisions.
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Offer of one school place sent to parents by Kent LA	Online applications- you can login after 5pm or check your email after 4p.m Paper applications – posted on the 1st March. Parents can appeal to schools listed on their SCAF – appeal form and waiting list form will be included in post.
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	You must accept the place by this date. KCC deadline for children’s names to be put on the waiting list for a school named on the SCAF.	Important! Your place may be lost if you do not accept the offer by this deadline
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> You can only appeal for schools that were named on the SCAF.	
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Offer day for the second round of applications (known as reallocation. After this date waiting lists will be maintained by the schools and they will send out offers for any places that may become available. Parents that have received an offer of a school place from KCC can approach schools directly for alternative places.	

# You could apply to ...

<b>Without 11+</b>	<b>With 11+</b>
Maplesden Noakes	MGGS
Valley Park	Invicta Grammar
St Simon Stock	MGS
St Augustine's Academy	Oakwood Park Grammar
Aylesford Sports Academy	
Cornwallis Academy	
New Line Learning Academy	

# Secondary Common Application Forms - SCAF

- PESE test results will be after the application deadline. Therefore, parents are invited to express **SIX** preferences in priority order. Putting down one school only will not improve the chance of getting a place nor will putting down a school more than once.
- SCAFs can be submitted online. If this is the case, parents must not submit a paper copy. (However, please print a copy of online form and give it to us in school). Online very successful last year – offers a faster, smoother and easier experience.
- <http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola>
- <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>
- [https://www.kent.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/17930/Secondary-admissions-booklet-all-areas.pdf](https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/17930/Secondary-admissions-booklet-all-areas.pdf)

# Useful background

- Many schools, including Academies, Voluntary Aided Schools, Foundation Schools, Free Schools and Grammar Schools sometimes have additional admissions requirements. Please check these before applying.
- Transport assistance to grammar schools and faith schools is discretionary, not automatic. Transport arrangements will be set out in the “Admission to Secondary School 2020” booklet.

# Place Allocation

- The Local Authority operates an 'Equal Preference' scheme. This basically means that secondary schools do not know if they are your first, second, third or fourth choice. (This gives all of our children from Palace Wood Primary School the same opportunities and chances as all children in Maidstone).
- The order in which you place schools only matters if you are given more than one offer – if this is the case, priority will be given according to your SCAF priority choice.
- It is important you are aware of the 'over-subscription criteria' that schools use when allocating places. Please refer to your Secondary Admissions booklets for guidance.

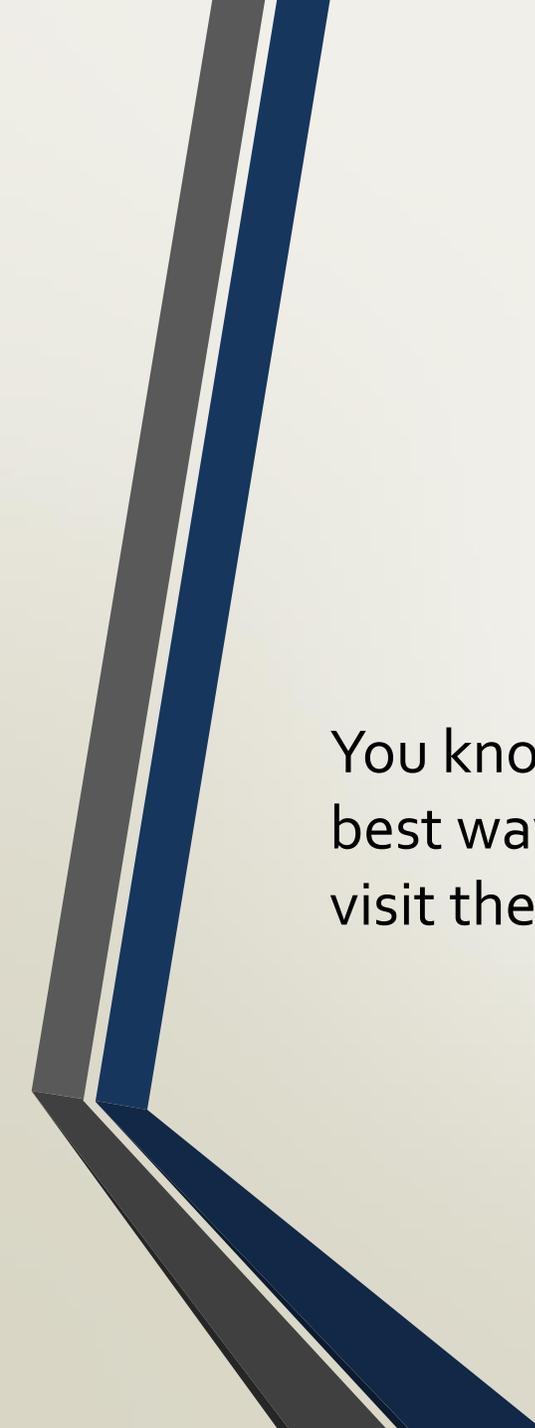
# Advice ...

[kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

03000 41 21 21

We are here to help!

If you have any difficulties in completing the SCAF, please come and ask.



# Before completing your preferences

You know your child – although we are here to offer advice and support, the best way of deciding which secondary school is right for your child is to go and visit them.