

This registration form enters your child for the test only and is not your application for a school place.

Registration Form for Tests

To register your child for the tests, please complete and return this form by 18 July 2008 to:
Warwickshire Admissions Service, FREEPOST NAT 4782, Warwick, CV34 4BR. (No stamp required. Please allow 4 days for delivery.)

Child's Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email address: _____

Day Time Tel. No: _____ Mobile Tel No: _____

Primary School Name and Address: _____

School Contact Name: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Does your child suffer from any medical condition which could affect them during the test situation? e.g. asthma, epilepsy, severe allergy. Please provide detailed information.

YES / NO

It is important that you provide information about situations which could affect your child's performance in the tests e.g. recent house move, long term illness, difficult domestic situations in your household, English as a second language, etc. The effect on your child's performance in school will be checked.

Evidence attached please tick here

If you are unsure about any of these issues please contact the Admissions Service to discuss your child's individual circumstances. 01926 742037

Does your child have a specific learning need which may affect their performance in a selection test? Please provide supporting evidence to include supporting information from your child's current school and may include documentary/medical evidence.

YES / NO

If this information is difficult to understand, please contact the Admissions Service. We can provide the information in another format for example in large print, on audio-tape, in another language or through discussion.

Grammar School Selection 2009

Do you have a child born between 1.9.97 and 31.8.98?

Do you want your child to be tested for a grammar school place for entry in September 2009?

Yes? Then you need to take action now.

This leaflet outlines the new test arrangements for entry in 2009 and the action you need to take.

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE TESTS BY 18 July 2008.

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Photo Validation Sheet

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Primary School Name and Address: _____



Headteacher
Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please ensure that your child's current headteacher has signed this sheet to validate the photograph provided.

Entry to a grammar school is based on the child qualifying for a place through a testing process. The level of ability needed to qualify for a place in Warwickshire is very high. You need to consider carefully whether your child will be appropriately placed in a grammar or selective school.

What factors are taken into account when allocating grammar school places?

When allocating places in the first round of offers several factors are taken into consideration:

- You must register for the selection tests by 18 July 2008.
- Your child's performance in the selection tests will determine whether a grammar school place can be offered.
- The child's address should be within the grammar school priority area.
- If you are resident within Warwickshire your application (preference) form must be submitted before the closing date of 24 October 2008. Children resident outside Warwickshire must complete and return their application form to their home authority in accordance with their published closing date.
- The school must be named on your child's application form.

Parents intending to move house should contact the Admissions Service for information. Evidence of the move will be required by 6 February 2009 for your child to be treated as an 'on time' applicant.

How many places are available?

In East Warwickshire

Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby – 94 places (boys)
Rugby High School, a Girls Grammar School with Specialist Science Status – 94 places
Ashlawn School, Rugby – Selective group – 30 places (boys and girls)

In South Warwickshire

Alcester Grammar School – 90 places (boys and girls)
King Edward VI School, Stratford-upon-Avon – 75 places (boys)
Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School for Girls, a Specialist Language College – 75 places

How will I know if my address is within the grammar school priority area?

Eastern Area – the priority circle for the selective schools has a radius of approximately 10 miles from a central point of the Water Tower in Rugby.

Southern Area – the priority circle for the selective schools has a radius of approximately 17 miles from the Harvard Fountain Clock Tower in Stratford-upon-Avon.

We will notify you if your address falls outside the priority areas when we send your test venue. If you live outside the priority area your child has a lower priority and is unlikely to be included in the first round of offers. In that situation, if your child qualifies for a place they can be included on the waiting list in case vacancies become available.

What type of tests will my child take?

Each child will sit two papers, incorporating Verbal and Non Verbal Reasoning, English and Maths. The tests have been designed specifically for Warwickshire by the University of Durham - Curriculum Evaluation and Management Centre (CEM). Each test paper will have approximately 100-125 questions to be completed in 45 minutes.

University of Durham as a policy do not provide practice papers. In order to familiarise your child with the style of questions, an example sheet will be sent to you with the allocation to your test venue. This will not be a full paper. The sheet will be for practice purposes only. Primary Schools are not expected to become involved in the preparation of children.

Are the tests standardised?

Once the test papers have been marked and checked, the raw scores will be standardised by the University of Durham (CEM) to produce the final score.

How do I register my child for the tests?

If you want to enter your child for the tests, please complete and return the attached white registration form to arrive no later than Friday, 18 July 2008. You will receive an acknowledgement letter 10 working days after receipt of your registration form.

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PLEASE ALLOW 4 WORKING DAYS FOR DELIVERY.

Late registration will normally mean that your child is not included in the first round of offers – unless the family are moving into the priority area.

You must include 1 passport sized photograph of your child for identification purposes. Please attach this to the registration form, ensuring validation from the headteacher of you child's current school.

When will my child complete the test?

Saturday 4 October 2008.

All children will sit the tests in test centres, not their own primary school. Tests will be held in the morning.

Where possible children attending the same primary/ junior school will be allocated the same test centre.

What if my child is not well or available on 4 October 2008?

Supplementary tests will be held in test centres on Tuesday 21 October 2008. These will only be available for those who provide proof of illness on the day of the original tests or who are able to provide, before the date of the original test, independent evidence of special circumstances such as religious grounds or previously booked engagements.

Where will my child take the tests?

Test centres will be situated in sixteen secondary schools in Warwickshire. We will try to allocate your child to the nearest centre to your home address, but each centre has a limited number of places. Parents having difficulty with transport arrangements should contact the Admissions Service in writing with details – for parents of children eligible to receive free school meals travel assistance may be available.

When will I be informed of my child's tests dates and venue?

You can register immediately, but by 18 July 2008 at the latest. Your child will be allocated to a Test Centre and you will be notified of the venue and times. Everyone should have received the details 2 weeks before 4 October. If not received, please contact the Admissions Service.

Will special consideration be given to children with certain learning or physical difficulties?

If your child has a learning difficulty or disability which could significantly affect their performance in the tests or their access to the tests you should provide detailed information (including documentary/medical evidence) about that difficulty with the registration form. This will normally only apply to pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or pupils for whom provision is being made in school at School Action or School Action Plus of the SEN code of practice.

The Admissions Service will contact your child's current school for confirmation. The Authority will then consider the information provided and may seek further guidance in deciding whether to make specific adjustments for the candidate.

When will I be informed of my child's results?

All offers of secondary school places are posted at the same time on the first working day after 1 March 2009. You will receive your child's scores and position amongst all the children being tested at that time.

When will the information be available?

Information about the grammar schools and the other secondary schools will be provided in the Area Secondary School booklets. These booklets will be available on the website on 1 July or in hard copy at the beginning of September 2008. They will be issued to all children who attend Warwickshire Primary/ Junior schools automatically. Parents of children attending other schools can visit our website at **www.warwickshire.gov.uk** or contact us direct to request a copy.

For further advice please contact us on 01926 742037. Or email us at admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk