

Medway Test – English Test

This is the first year that the English exam has been included within the Medway Test, alongside the Mathematics and Reasoning elements.

We understand the test may not have been as long as you were expecting, and we appreciate this might have caused confusion. Understandably these tests are often stressful for children, and we do not intend to cause additional stress.

Was the test time correct?

The test time (30 minutes) was correct. Your child was given the correct amount of time to complete the test. This time is the same for every school and will be the same for all other children sitting the test this year, with the exception of a small proportion of children who have special testing arrangements due to their special educational needs and disabilities.

An appropriate amount of time is allocated for each test based on the test content and how the test is designed.

The test is bespoke to Medway and therefore cannot be compared to other English tests. Whilst children may have used practice papers found elsewhere or even sat other entrance exams, they are not comparable to the Medway Test.

We published that each test is around/no longer than an hour including instructions. We do not specify the exact test time and/or the section breakdown of the test to ensure an equivalent experience for all children. It is a competitive test of ability, so we do not provide specific details of what the test involves.

What is going to be done about it?

As the correct time was given to all children at the start of the test, there will be no dispensation given nor will there be a re-sit or re-marking.

The Medway Test cut-off score is set at 25% of Medway children therefore the cut-off will reflect Medway's overall performance in the test.

We will review the information we publish in future years and make improvements as necessary. For example, we will be clearer next year and include the test lengths in the communication sent to parents & carers when confirming their Medway Test arrangements.

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