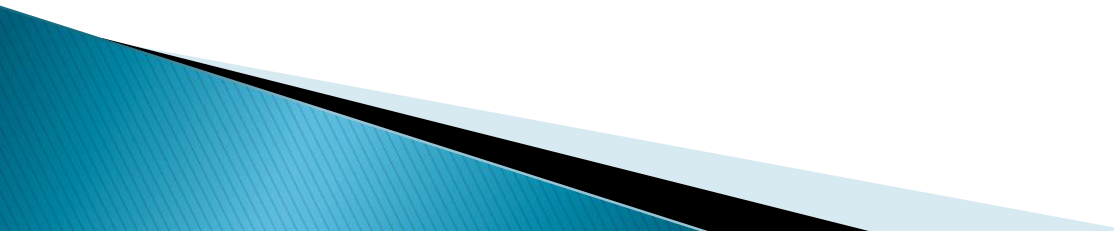


# Year 6

## Transfer to Secondary School 2021



# Admission to Secondary School September 2021

- ▶ When do parents need to apply?
  - ▶ What secondary schools are available?
  - ▶ How does the application process work?
  - ▶ How are places offered?
  - ▶ Top tips
  - ▶ Any questions...
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# Information and Guidance

- ▶ Information online  
[www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)
- ▶ Individual school websites
- ▶ Transfer to Secondary School guide for parents



# Application forms to complete

Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

Application made on line  
or

Paper application forms available from the  
school office

Supplementary Forms  
(Check school websites)

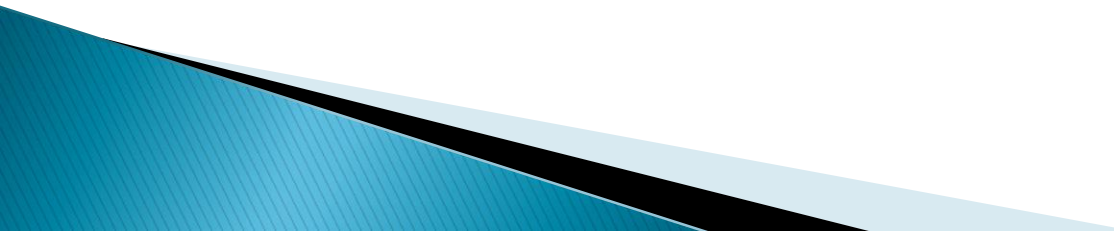
# The wide range of schools available in Dartford

- ▶ Grammar schools (selective)
- ▶ All ability schools

*Parents can apply for any school in Kent but each school has oversubscription criteria (admissions criteria) used to allocate places.*

*Oversubscription criteria can be found on school websites and on Kent admissions website*

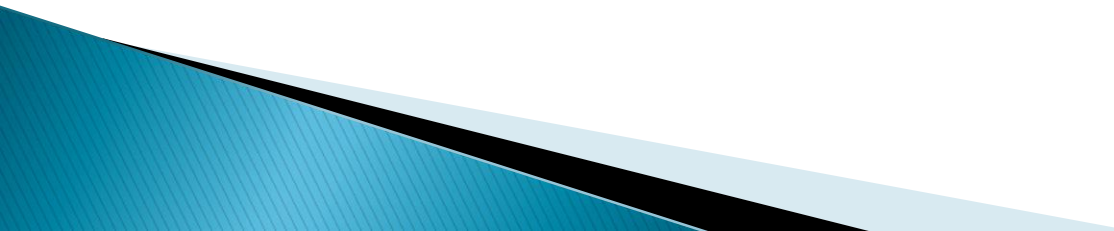
*Other children who live closer may have priority when places are allocated.*



# Local schools – Grammar Schools

- ▶ Dartford Grammar (Boys)
- ▶ Dartford Grammar School for Girls
- ▶ Wilmington Grammar School for Boys
- ▶ Wilmington Grammar School for Girls

*\* Both Wilmington schools are part of the Endeavour Trust*



# Local schools – All Ability Schools

- ▶ Dartford Science & Technology College (girls)
  - ▶ Ebbsfleet Academy
- ▶ Leigh Academies Trust schools
  - Leigh Academy
  - Leigh UTC
  - Wilmington Academy
  - Longfield Academy
- ▶ Stone Lodge Academy (new)  
*(Part of the Endeavour Trust with the Wilmington Grammars)*

# The Kent Admissions Scheme

## – Key dates

### Secondary Applications are open

#### 15<sup>th</sup> October

Children sit the Kent Selection Test (11+)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> November (submit by 23<sup>rd</sup> October to avoid delay)

Closing date for applications online

#### Please email confirmation to the school office

[office@gateway-pri.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@gateway-pri.kent.sch.uk)

#### 26<sup>th</sup> November

Kent Test (11+) assessment decision sent to parents after 4pm.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – National Offer day – email sent after 4pm

Parents are offered a place at one school only. E-mail messages will be sent after 4pm to parents who provided an email address on their application,

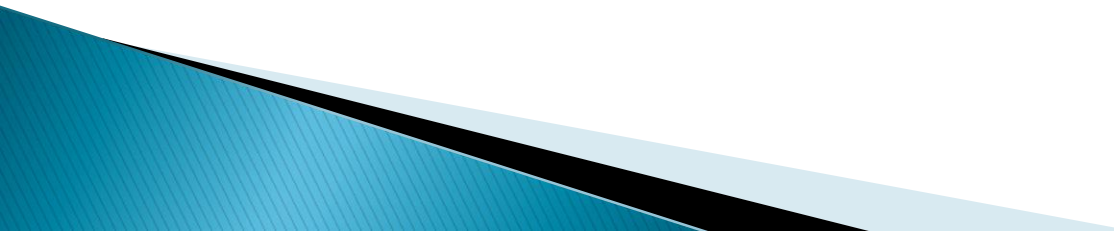
#### 15<sup>th</sup> March – deadline to accept or refuse a place or go on a school's waiting list

#### 26<sup>th</sup> March – deadline to submit any appeal

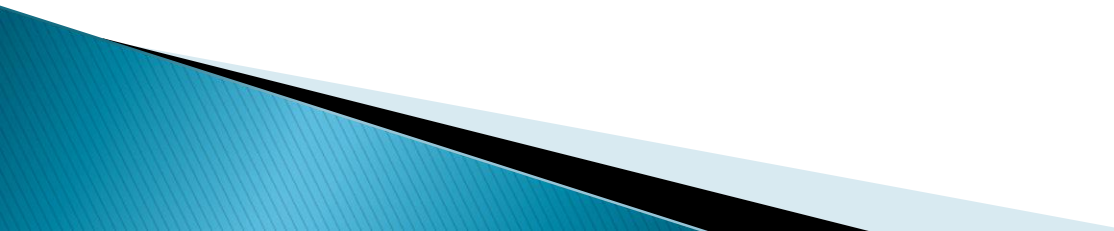
– 21<sup>st</sup> April offer day for the second round of applicants

Appeals heard in April/June

# How to apply – The Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF)

- ▶ Apply Online by 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
[www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)
  - ▶ Please email your confirmation to us
  - ▶ **Must complete home authority SCAF only (Kent)**
  - ▶ Don't miss the deadline or you will not be offered a place on 1<sup>st</sup> March!
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# Completing the SCAF

- ▶ List up to 6 schools by preference on the SCAF
  - ▶ Check the school's over subscription criteria **before you make your selection**. Over subscription criteria varies from school to school.
  - ▶ Only listing one or two schools will not increase your chances for a place at that school
  - ▶ Home address must be the child's only or main residence.
  - ▶ Be realistic about your choices – remember there may be children living closer that will take priority
  - ▶ Only list Grammar schools if your child is sitting the Kent selection test (11+)
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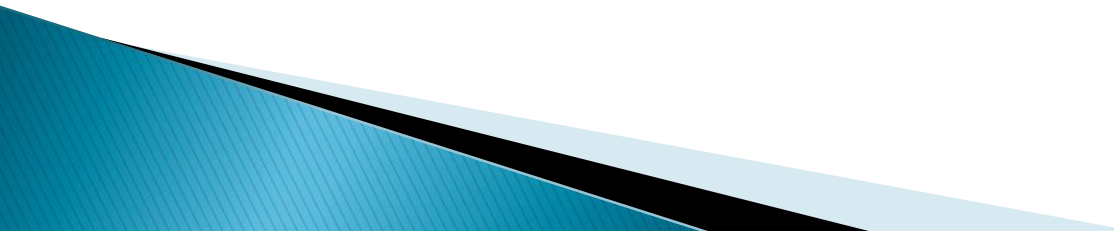
# Applying to schools outside Kent.

- ▶ Parents can apply to schools in neighbouring boroughs (Bexley, Bromley) but these schools must be named on the Kent SCAF
- ▶ Details are forwarded to the relevant LEA by Kent.

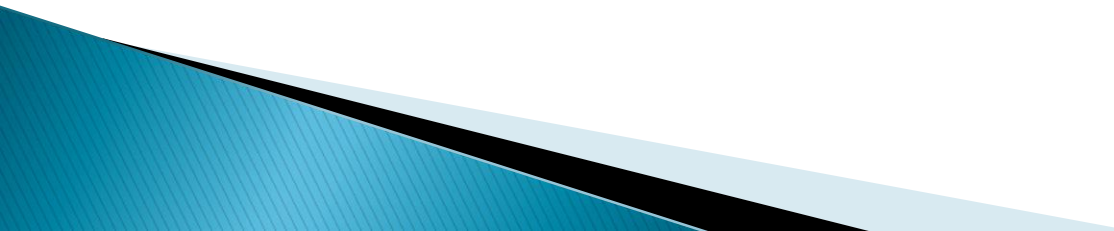
# Changing preferences

- ▶ Once parents have made their preferences and submitted their form, local authorities are not allowed to let them be changed without a genuine reason for doing so e.g. a change of address.

# How places are allocated

- ▶ Schools are told who has applied for places, but not whether they were named 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>
  - ▶ If there are more applicants than available places, schools place their applicants in rank order according to their oversubscription criteria.
  - ▶ Distances from home to school are measured in a straight line using a point of reference decided by Kent.
  - ▶ The order on the SCAF only matters if more than one school could offer a place. Then a place is offered at the school that parents named highest on the form.
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# Grammar Schools

- ▶ Test results are e-mailed/posted to parents on 26<sup>th</sup> November
  - ▶ Pupils who have reached the required standard in the tests will be eligible for a place at a Grammar school
  - ▶ Parents cannot appeal against the result
  - ▶ A successful assessment does not guarantee a place at a grammar school of your choice. The allocation of places rests with each school's oversubscription criteria.
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# Dartford Grammar schools over subscription criteria

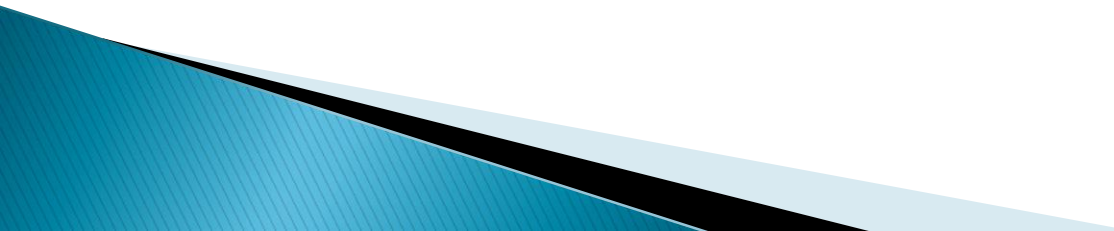
## Dartford Grammar School (boys)

1. Children in Local Authority Care
2. 180 places (90) to children in Dartford (Zone A)
3. All other applicants

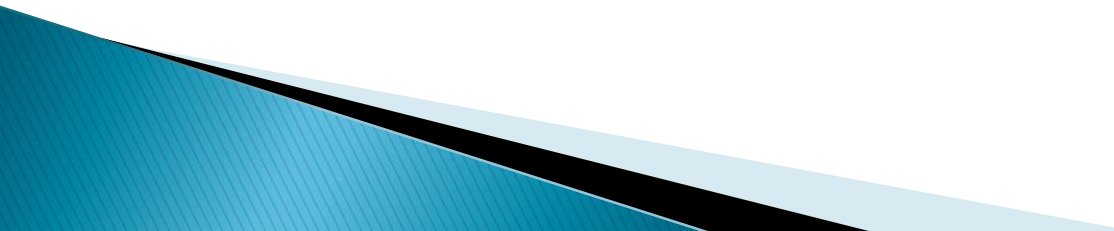
## Dartford Grammar for Girls

1. Children in Local Authority Care
  2. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding (Free school meals)
  3. Siblings
  4. 100 places to girls living in Dartford parishes and surrounding villages
  5. All other pupils
- ▶ *Higher priority given to those with highest combined 11+ scores*

# Wilmington Grammar Schools

1. Children in Local Authority Care
  2. Siblings
  3. Children of staff at the school
  4. 15 places to highest scoring pupils in Kent test (11+)
  5. Pupil Premium pupils living within 3 miles of the school
  6. Boys/girls living within 1.5 miles of the school and living in specified parishes
  7. All other pupils
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# The Leigh Academy

- ▶ Applicants sit a Cognitive Ability Test (reasoning test) in November
  - ▶ Results are used to place applicants into 5 equally sized ability bands
  - ▶ Places are offered from each band randomly according to the oversubscription criteria
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# The Leigh Academy Trust over subscription criteria

Within each band places are offered in following order:

- a) Children in care
  - b) 40 places to children attending Leigh Academy schools where the Leigh is the closest secondary school to their home
  - c) 70% of remaining places offered to inner catchment area(Dartford primaries) and 30% to outer catchment area
  - d) Siblings, living in either catchment, of pupils attending The Leigh on admission day.
  - e) Medical , health and special access reasons
  - f) Child of a member of staff
  - g) Any places left offered until the inner 70%/outer 30% mix is reached
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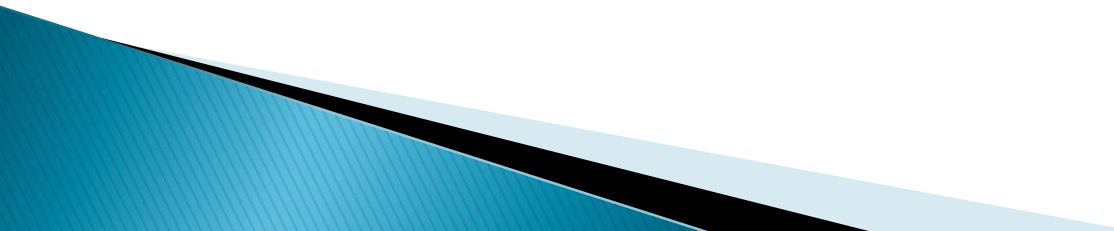
# Leigh UTC

For students wanting an education with a technical and engineering basis

- ▶ LAC
  - ▶ Siblings
  - ▶ Children of staff
  - ▶ 20 places for children in LAT primary schools if the UTC is the closest secondary school to their home
  - ▶ Health and special access reasons
  - ▶ Defined catchment area
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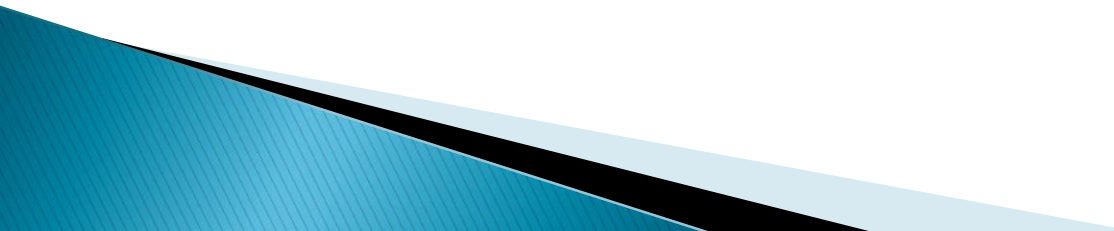
# Wilmington Academy Longfield Academy

## LAT schools

1. Children in Care
  2. Siblings
  3. Health and special access reasons  
(Additional Educational Needs & Medical needs)
  4. 30 places for children attending a Leigh Academies Trust primary school
  - 5 All others (by distance)
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# DSTC

## Ebbfleet Academy

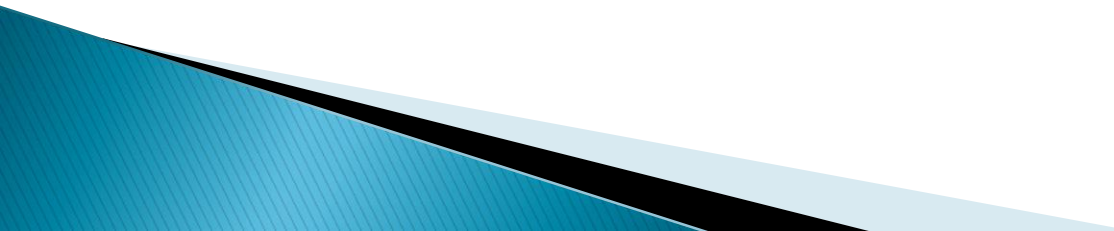
1. Children in Care
  2. Family association
  3. Health and special access reasons
  4. Distance from home
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# Offered a school not listed on the SCAF....

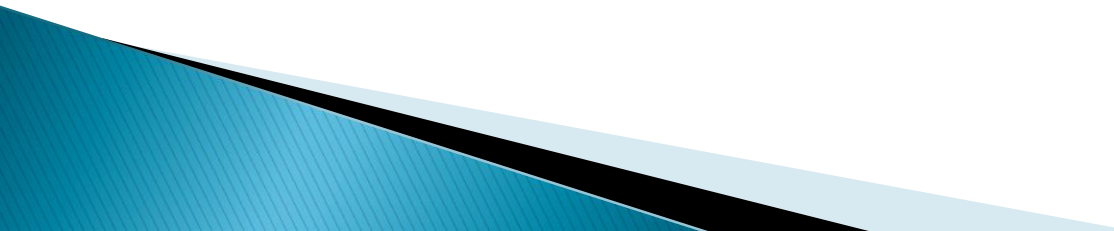
Your child may not be offered a place at any of your choices if:

- ▶ You only name grammar schools and your child is not deemed selective/passed the 11+
- ▶ Other children live closer and no places are available at your chosen schools

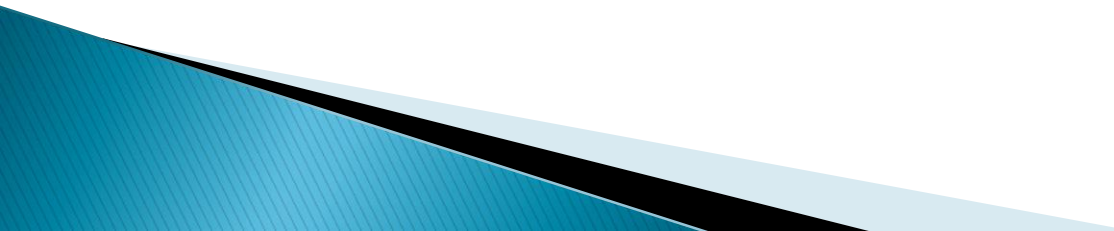
*If this happens you will be offered a place at the nearest school with an available place.*



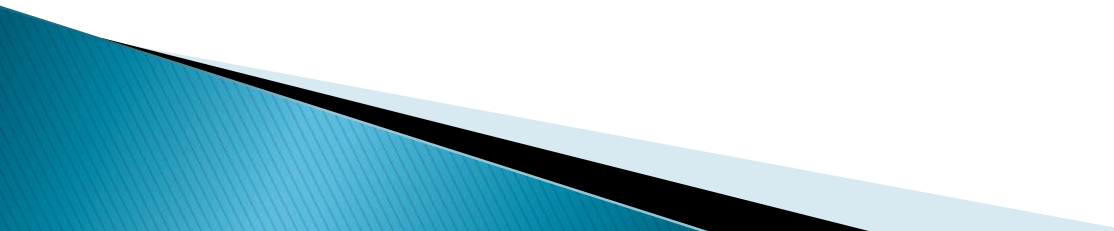
# Appeals and Waiting Lists

- ▶ Parents have a right to appeal against the LAs decision to refuse them a place at any school named on their SCAF
  - ▶ Parents do not have a right of appeal against 11+ decision but you can appeal for a place at a grammar school as long as this is named on your application form
  - ▶ You can request a waiting list place or lodge an appeal for a place at any school named on your application form
  - ▶ A school has to fill any places from waiting lists first, up to its published admissions number. After this children can only be admitted through the appeals process
  - ▶ The LA recommend that parents accept any place offered even if they request to go on a waiting list or lodge an appeal
  - ▶ Parents who then gain a place on appeal must tell the school they were originally offered that they no longer need the place.
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# Home to school transport

- ▶ Strict criteria is in place for free transport
  - ▶ Children must attend the nearest appropriate school for transport purposes
  - ▶ Distance between home and school must be more than 3 miles via the shortest available walking route
  - ▶ Children do not automatically receive free travel to any school that offers a place.
  - ▶ Young Persons Travel Pass – £370 for a full year (£110 for pupils eligible for free school meals)
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# Top Tips

- ▶ Look at school websites
  - ▶ Where possible, visit schools to get a feel for which school suits your child
  - ▶ Study each school's oversubscription criteria in the guide
  - ▶ Be realistic about the distance you live from a preferred school
  - ▶ Put more than 1 choice on your form!
  - ▶ Don't miss the 2<sup>nd</sup> November application deadline!
  - ▶ Send us a copy of your application
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# Need more advice?

- ▶ Come in and ask
- ▶ Secondary Admissions Team  
0300 3336472
- ▶ Individual School Websites
- ▶ Kent Parent Partnership Service (KPPS)  
Provides advice and support to help parents of SEN pupils

# Any Questions?

