

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2019

1. General

The Skinners' School complies with the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme published and administered by Kent Local Authority. All pupils admitted must have been assessed suitable for grammar school through Kent LA's Procedure for Entrance to Secondary Education (PESE), also known as the Kent Test. School intends to offer 160 places each year for boys aged 11. This is the Published Admission Number (PAN). Boys will normally be admitted to Year 7 at age 11. Arrangements for admission to the Sixth Form are published separately.

Before the application of oversubscription criteria, children with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be admitted, and the published admission number reduced accordingly.

2. West Kent Area:

Up to 140 places will be offered to applicants from this category.

The West Kent Area covers the area within three miles of the school measured by straight line distance, plus the following named parishes:

Bidborough	Brasted	Brenchley
Capel	Chevening	Chiddingstone
Cowden	Dunton Green	Edenbridge
Hadlow	Hever	Hildenborough
Ightham	Kemsing	Lamberhurst
Leigh	Otford	Paddock Wood
Pembury	Penshurst	Plaxtol
Riverhead	Rusthall	Seal
Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks Weald	Shipbourne
Southborough	Speldhurst	Sundridge with Ide Hill
Tonbridge	Tunbridge Wells	Westerham

3. Outer Area

Up to 20 places will be offered to applicants from this category.

The outer area is defined as being outside the West Kent Area described above, but within the mainland of the United Kingdom.

Oversubscription Criteria for Applicants Resident in the defined West Kent Area

a) Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care – A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously a child in the care of the local authority but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

b) Up to 5 places to pupils registered in that academic year for Free School Meals. Parents wishing to apply under this criterion must ensure they complete the attached Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school by 31 October in the year of application. Parents must also complete an application (via online or paper Secondary Common Application Form) naming the school, otherwise their child cannot be considered for a place. *(In the event that there are more than 5 valid applications in this category, applicants will be ranked according to their aggregate scores in the Kent Test, the highest score being given the highest rank. If there are fewer than 5 valid applications in this category the remaining places will be offered under criterion c below.)*

c) Up to 135 places to other pupils from the defined West Kent Area, prioritised as follows:

- (i) those living in the West Kent area scoring 360 or over, ranked in order of a) siblings; b) sons of members of staff with at least two years' service at the time application for admission is made, or if the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage; c) those living the shortest distance from the school.

In the event of there not being 135 scoring 360 or over:

- (ii) those living in the West Kent area scoring under 360, ranked in order of a) siblings; b) sons of members of staff with at least two years' service at the time application for admission is made, or if the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage; c) those living the shortest distance from the school.

(Distance is measured between the child's permanent address and the school in a straight line using National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point data. Distances are measured from a point within the child's home to a similarly defined point within the school as specified by NLPG.)

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c) Up to 15 places to pupils from the defined Outer Area, prioritised as follows:

(i) those living in the defined Outer Area scoring 360 or over, ranked in order of a) siblings; b) sons of members of staff with at least two years' service at the time application for admission is made, or if the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage; c) those living the shortest distance from the school.

In the event of there not being 15 scoring 360 or over:

(ii) those living in the defined Outer Area scoring under 360, ranked in order of a) siblings; b) sons of members of staff with at least two years' service at the time application for admission is made, or if the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage; c) those living the shortest distance from the school.

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