

P6 Parent Information 24th April 2020



Grammar School Entrance Tests for Transfer 2021

As you will see in the extracts below, which we have taken directly from the respective websites of AQE and GL, both bodies have yet to confirm the procedure regarding transfer tests for our current P6 children. Please continue to keep an eye on these websites for expected updates.

We fully appreciate the anxieties caused by this uncertainty and different way of life. Please be assured that we will continue to assist the children of P6. Their current work pack is a comprehensive compilation of all Literacy and Maths topics that would have been covered in school over these coming weeks.

As an extension of the previous offer to email the school with questions you may have, the primary 6 team is beginning to use the app Seesaw for further communication. If your child is having difficulty understanding a concept, topic or question, you can send a message via Seesaw and one of the primary 6 teachers will respond with further teaching support.

If you are not already signed up to Seesaw, please email the school account, ballymacrickett@outlook.com and you will receive a response with instructions on how to set up your account linked to your child.

AQE REGISTRATION UPDATE – 22nd April 2020

This is a very uncertain time for everyone involved in education, not least for parents and pupils. AQE is endeavouring to provide clarity to P6 pupils and parents about the arrangements for the tests which are scheduled to take place during the next academic year.

Registration is due to open on Wednesday 29th April 2020 for applications from parents of P6 children who will sit the AQE assessments in the Autumn. AQE Limited is having ongoing discussions with key stakeholders to ensure that the best possible provision is made for applicants **and, for this reason, the date of registration opening may be delayed slightly.**

Due to the circumstances caused by the continuing disruption of lockdown, AQE is moving completely to an online application process this year. It is hoped that the process will simplify the application procedure and will enable parents to upload electronic photographs, scanned birth certificates and pay online. **Detailed information can be found on the Registration Section of this website, [here](#).** The online form will go live on the date registration opens.

Schools, parents and pupils should continue to prepare for the assessments in the home environment. Please keep checking the website for updates which will also be sent to Primary Schools.

GL Entrance Tests

Covid-19 Update

In planning for the 2020/21 Entrance Assessment the PPTC continues to closely monitor the current situation and with it the uncertainty and disruption it brings for parents, pupils, staff, schools and others.

The arrangements for 2020/21 are currently under review and PPTC is working closely with its Entrance Assessment provider, GL Assessment Ltd in this regard.

During the period in which schools are closed PPTC will use this website to update parents, pupils, staff, schools and other interested parties of developments in relation to the arrangements for the 2020/21 Entrance Assessment.

The “Information for Parents” section of the website will be subsequently be updated to include the full “2020-21 Registration Pack”.