

SELECTIVE ELIGIBILITY TEST

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who are the “participating Schools” in the Selective Eligibility Test?

The “participating schools” in the Selective Eligibility Test, “SET”, are Greenshaw High School, Nonsuch High School for Girls, Sutton Grammar School, Wallington County Grammar School, Wallington High School for Girls and Wilson’s School.

If my child passes the Selective Eligibility Test does that mean they have a place at my chosen school?

No. If your child passes the Selective Eligibility Test for a particular school it means:

For Greenshaw High School – Greenshaw High School uses the outcome of the Selective Eligibility Test to determine those children who may be *eligible to be considered* for one of their 60 ability places. You may wish to list this school on your CAF. Please note that even if your child does not achieve the pass mark in the Selective Eligibility Test they may still be eligible for a place at Greenshaw under one of the school’s other criteria.

For Wallington County Grammar School – Wallington County Grammar School uses the outcome of the Selective Eligibility Test to determine boys who are *eligible to be considered* for a place at the School. You may wish to list the School as a preference on the Common Application Form (CAF). **Please note that Wallington County Grammar School does not hold a second stage test. Further information is available on their website.**

For Nonsuch High School for Girls, Sutton Grammar School, Wallington High School for Girls and Wilson’s School – your son or daughter is *eligible* to sit the second stage Entrance Examinations, details of which will be sent to you by email.

For boys:-

A shared second stage test will be held by Sutton Grammar School and Wilson’s School on Saturday 3 October 2020. The test will be common to both schools, but the criteria applied to be of selective ability will be determined by each school individually. If your son is deemed to be of selective ability by one or the other or both schools, you will be able to name that school, or both schools on your CAF in your chosen order of preference.

For girls:-

A joint second stage test will be held by Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls on **Saturday 26 September 2020**. Both the test and the criteria applied to be of selective ability will be common to both schools. If your daughter is deemed to be of selective ability, you will be able to name either or both schools on your CAF in your chosen order of preference.

The outcome of the second stage entrance examinations will be emailed to parents/carers by the end of October (in advance of the deadline for completion of the CAF). Please note that success in the examinations does not mean that a place will be offered.

Please note:

Greenshaw High School admits both **boys and girls**.

Sutton Grammar School, Wallington County Grammar School and Wilson's School admit only **boys**.

Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls admit only **girls**.

How do I apply for a place at Wallington High School for Girls?

For a place at Wallington in Year 7 September 2021, **you must register your child** to take the Selective Eligibility Test by completing the online Registration Form which can be accessed via this website. This online Registration Form can also be accessed via the websites of Greenshaw High School, Sutton Grammar School, Wilson's School, Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington County Grammar School.

The online Registration Form will be available to complete online from **1 May 2020**. **The closing date for the completion of the Registration Form is midnight on Friday 14 August 2020. No late registrations will be accepted under any circumstances.** Please note there is an earlier deadline of **19 June 2020** for submission of requests for special adjustments for candidates with SEN and for supporting evidence (see further information below).

In addition, if you are an overseas candidate and wish a test to be organised at an overseas centre, you must also register online by **19 June 2020**. Failure to do so will result in an overseas test not being possible and overseas candidates will be expected to travel to the UK to take the Selective Eligibility Test.

You must complete your registration using the online form in advance of this closing date. Should your daughter be successful in the Selective Eligibility Test, she will be invited to sit the Second Stage Entrance Examination. If your daughter passes this test, **you must include Wallington on the Common Application Form (CAF)** to be eligible for consideration for a place at Wallington High School for Girls.

The CAF is provided by your home Local Authority when your child is in Year 6 and you use it to apply to any school regardless of the Local Authority in which the School is located.

The closing date for submission of the CAF is 31 October 2020. If you wish to apply for a place at Wallington, you must name the school on the CAF.

In order to make a **valid application** to Wallington High School for Girls, parents must:

- Name Wallington on their home Local Authority's Common Application Form; and
- Ensure their child sits both the Selective Eligibility Test and the Nonsuch and Wallington Second Stage Entrance Examination if they are eligible to do so.

If I am also interested in a place at one or more of the other participating schools do I need to complete a separate form for them too?

No. You only need to complete the online Registration Form once. This is the case no matter how many of the participating schools you are interested in.

Do I need to complete a Supplementary Form?

The Registration Form for the Selective Eligibility Test serves as the Supplementary Form for all the schools in the SET group.

What if I am only interested in a place at one or two of the participating schools?

That's fine. Just complete the online Registration Form to sit the Selective Eligibility Test (accessed via the website of any of the participating schools). Your child must sit the Selective Eligibility Test in order to be considered by any of the following schools: Nonsuch High School for Girls, Sutton Grammar School, Wallington County Grammar School, Wallington High School for Girls, Wilson's School or for one of the 60 ability places available at Greenshaw High School.

What if I change my mind or am not seriously interested in any of the participating schools?

If you register your child for the SET (Selective Eligibility Test) but then decide that you do not want him or her to take the test after all, please let us know by emailing SET2021Entry@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk as soon as you decide. For 2020 entry, we received 6100 registrations but only 5645 children attended. Therefore, we made unnecessary arrangements for 455 children: printing of test papers and personalised answer sheets, employing invigilators, printing desk cards and room plans, plus arranging test rooms and so on. This represents a significant cost to our schools at a time when financial resources are stretched.

Are you genuinely interested in applying for a place at one or more of the selective schools in the London Borough of Sutton? While any parent of a child who will be transferring to secondary school in September 2021 is entitled to register their child for the SET, we respectfully request that you only register if you are genuinely seeking a place in one or more of the SET participating schools.

Parents using our tests as a free “mock” for more distant grammar schools or for independent schools generate unnecessary costs for us as described above. When the children qualify for, and sit, stage 2 tests the costs can be quite significant, as stage 2 tests have to be marked by teaching professionals.

How do I register twins or two or more children in the same school year?

You will be asked when you start your registration how many children you are going to register. Your children will then be linked to your parental information so that we know they are from the same family group. Please follow the instructions on the registration form.

Can my child sit the test if they are not in Year 6 at the time of the tests?

The Selective Eligibility Test is for children who will be in Year 6 of primary school at the date of the test being held on 15 September 2020 (expected date of birth range 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010). Children can only sit the Selective Eligibility Test once. A younger child cannot sit the test in earlier years as a practice. The participating schools will conduct year on year comparisons of the names of registered children.

If your child is going to be in Year 6 at the time of the test but is out of date range (i.e. their birth date is **not** between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010) then there are instructions on the registration form on who to contact to make the registration. You will be asked to provide supporting evidence from your child’s primary school confirming why the decision was taken to either promote them by a year group or hold them back before any registration can be made.

Why is there a question on the registration form about Pupil Premium/Free School Meals (FSM)?

You have been asked to complete these questions because your child’s eligibility for Free School Meals and/or your child’s Primary School receiving Pupil Premium in respect of him or her forms part of the oversubscription criteria in the admissions policies of the following schools within the SET group:

Nonsuch High School for Girls
Wallington High School for Girls
Wallington County Grammar School
Wilson’s School

You should consult the Admissions Policy of these specific schools for further information.

In the case of Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls, candidates who have triggered Pupil Premium are eligible to achieve up to 10% lower than the standardised pass mark for the SET (and the minimum standardised pass marks in the NWSSEE Maths and NWSSEE English). Documentary

evidence to support such an application will be required from the current primary school or Local Authority prior to the closing date for test registration. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure this documentary evidence is available.

For Wallington County Grammar School, there is an admissions band of up to 25 places available for students reaching the WCGS pass mark from the SET and who are eligible for Pupil Premium. If your son reaches the Wallington County Grammar School pass mark from the SET, documentary evidence to confirm Pupil Premium eligibility will be required from your child's current primary school. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure this documentary evidence is available.

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is triggered for children who at any time in the previous six years:

- were registered as eligible for free school meals at their primary school;
- had been Looked After (registered in public care) for 1 day or more;
- had been adopted from care;
- had left care under a special guardianship order, a residence order or a child arrangements order.

How do I find out if my child has triggered Pupil Premium/Free School Meals (FSM)?

You should speak to your child's primary school who will be able to help answer this question. This link gives a list of the reasons why your child could be eligible for free school meals <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

I am having trouble with the online registration form. What should I do?

The online form has been designed to be very straightforward to complete. However, if you are having problems you are invited to attend any one of the events listed below where there will be members of staff from the participating schools available to help you complete your registration, including taking and uploading a photograph of your child:

Date	Times	Event	Location and Address
25 June 2020	3.30pm to 8.00pm	Admissions Information at Open Evening	Wilson's School Mollison Drive, Wallington, SM6 9JW
2 July 2020	4.00pm to 7.00pm	Online Registration Room at Open Evening	Wallington County Grammar School, Croydon Road, Wallington, SM6 7PH

If it is not possible to attend one of the above events and you are still having problems with your registration please contact the admissions office at any of the participating schools.

When is the Selective Eligibility Test?

The date of the Selective Eligibility Test will be **Tuesday 15 September 2020**.

What is in the Selective Eligibility Test?

The test is made up of two papers; a multiple-choice Maths paper and a multiple-choice English paper. The tests do not include verbal reasoning or non-verbal reasoning. Candidates record their answers on a separate answer sheet by filling in a lozenge-shape for answer A, B, C, D or E. You can see an example of the answer sheet on the admissions page. If candidates change their mind about the answer, they need to rub out as fully as possible the wrong answer and replace it with the new answer. The exam papers take between 40 and 50 minutes each and there is a rest and toilet break between the two.

Can I get specimen papers or sample questions for the Selective Eligibility Test?

We do not provide specimen papers. The content of the Maths and English tests is broadly based on the Key Stage 2 curriculum.

You can find examples of the sorts of questions asked for both the English and Maths Selective Eligibility Tests by clicking on the links on the admissions page,

Are there any other opportunities to sit the Selective Eligibility Test?

There are no alternative dates to sit the Selective Eligibility Test except in the case of illness on the day. A medical certificate dated 15 September 2020 confirming illness on the day of the test will be required.

Where will my child sit the Selective Eligibility Test?

All six participating schools will be hosting the Selective Eligibility Test at their schools during the same time periods on the same day. About a week before the test date you will be notified by email of the test centre your child should attend, along with other details needed to sit the test. Regardless of your preferences, girls will be allocated to sit the test at either Nonsuch High School for Girls, Wallington High School for Girls or Greenshaw High School. Boys will be allocated to sit the test at either Sutton Grammar School, Wallington County Grammar School, Wilson's School or Greenshaw High School. Boy/Girl twins or siblings will be allocated to sit the test at Greenshaw High School.

Can I request that my child sits the Selective Eligibility Test at a particular venue?

No. In view of the number of candidates, it is not possible to manage requests for a specific venue.

I have been allocated a particular venue for my child to sit the Selective Eligibility Test but I am not interested in a place at that school?

It doesn't matter. The school your child attends to sit the Selective Eligibility Test has no relevance to your preferences for a school place.

My child is at school abroad. Is it possible for my child to sit the SET at his/her current school?

If you are resident overseas and your child is at school in your country of residence, we may be able to arrange for your child to sit the SET in his or her current school or at an overseas test centre.

If you would like us to organise an overseas test for your child, please contact a potential test centre (likely to be your child's current school or the British Council) **before you register**, then email the test centre's details, with the name and contact email address of the correct liaison staff member, to admissions@wcfgs.org.uk once you have registered for the SET.

Please ensure that you complete the SET registration form by **Friday 19 June 2020** if you wish for such arrangements to be made. You should also refer to your request for an overseas test in the "Additional Information" box on the registration form.

For advice about sitting the SET overseas, please contact admissions@wcfgs.org.uk

Late requests for overseas tests will not be accepted after this date and overseas candidate will be expected to travel to the UK to sit the Selective Eligibility Test.

You should be aware that when you are applying for a school place, rather than simply registering your child to sit an entrance test, applicants living outside England may only submit an application if they have a linked address within an English Local Authority area. Documentary evidence must be supplied to the Local Authority at the time of application to show you will return to the address prior to September in the year of entry. If you wish to discuss your circumstances prior to making an application, you should contact the

school admissions department of your likely future home Local Authority. Local Authority contact details in the local area are as follows:

Sutton	suttonadmissions@cognus.org.uk	020 8770 5000
Merton	admissions@merton.gov.uk	020 8274 4901
Croydon	school.admissions@croydon.gov.uk	020 8726 6400
Surrey	schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk	0300 200 1004

Can we request a morning or afternoon slot for the Selective Eligibility Test?

No. In view of the number of candidates, it is not possible to manage requests for a specific time during the test day.

What if my child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

If your child has an EHCP, there are separate processes to be followed and you should speak first with your Local Authority who administer the process. You still need to complete the online Registration Form for your child to be able to sit the Selective Eligibility Test. Your child will need to pass the Selective Eligibility Test (and second stage tests where applicable) to be eligible for a place at Nonsuch High School for Girls, Sutton Grammar School, Wallington County Grammar School, Wallington High School for Girls, Wilson's School or for one of the 60 ability places at Greenshaw High School.

Please note that supporting documentary evidence **must** be submitted if you wish us to consider putting a special arrangement in place for the tests. The required evidence must be submitted to Wilson's School (for male candidates) and Nonsuch High School for Girls (for female candidates) **no later than Friday 19 June 2020**. Further guidance and information on the evidence that is required and the basis on which decisions on special arrangements will be made can be found on our admissions page.

What if my child has special needs or medical requirements that I think should be taken into account for the Selective Eligibility Test?

The online registration form asks you to provide details of any special needs or medical conditions your child may have. It is particularly important that you tell us if your child has any physical, medical, sensory, learning or behavioural issues or conditions or is suffering from a temporary injury that may substantially disadvantage him/her in the context of an examination. Letting us know will not disadvantage your child in any way. It is also important that you tell us if your child has a disability in relation to mobility that has an impact upon their ability to access the exam venue so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Please note that supporting documentary evidence **must** be submitted if you wish us to consider putting a special arrangement in place for the tests. The required evidence must be submitted to Wilson's School (for male candidates) and Nonsuch High School for Girls (for female candidates) **no later than Friday 19 June 2020**. Further guidance and information on the evidence that is required and the basis on which decisions on special arrangements will be made can be found on our admissions page.

What should my child bring with them to the Selective Eligibility Test?

Your child will need:

1. A printout of the invitation email which will be sent to you the week before the test. This contains your child's venue details and candidate number.
2. Two pencils (HB or B), a soft rubber, a pencil sharpener and a ruler in a clear plastic pencil case or bag.
3. A fleece or jumper.

4. If desired, water in a clear plastic sports cap bottle (no fizzy drinks) and a snack for break time (no nuts due to the number of children who suffer from nut allergies).
5. If desired, a reading book to help pass waiting time. This is optional and has absolutely nothing to do with the examination.

Your child **must not** bring:

1. A mobile telephone or any other electronic device.
2. A calculator or calculator watch.
3. A watch that beeps
4. Any piece of stationery which displays times tables or other such information.
5. A dictionary.
6. Any food containing nuts.

Please do not send your child to the exam with a backpack or any other bag as space in the exam areas is limited.

Please do not show us your child's candidate number on your smartphone. You must have a printout with his/her candidate number when you arrive for the test.

Can my child bring their medication (e.g. EpiPen, inhaler) with them to the Selective Eligibility Test?

Your child may bring their usual medication with them to the test venue. It is important to provide details of their medical requirements on the online registration form so that we can make sure that the members of staff supervising their test venue are aware.

What should I do if my child is ill on the day of the Selective Eligibility Test?

If your child is ill on the day of the Selective Eligibility Test you must ring the school to which he/she has been allocated as a venue to sit the test before the test is due to start. You will then need to take your child to the doctor and produce a doctor's certificate with the same date as that of the test confirming illness on the day. We will then arrange for your child to sit the test at a later date.

Greenshaw High School	-	020 8715 1001
Nonsuch High School for Girls	-	020 8394 3400
Sutton Grammar School	-	020 8642 3821
Wallington County Grammar School	-	020 8647 2235
Wallington High School for Girls	-	020 8647 2380
Wilson's School	-	020 8773 2931

What happens if my child is unwell during the Selective Eligibility Test?

If a candidate is unable to attend on the day of the tests due to illness or injury then provided a genuine medical certificate covering the day of the test is received an alternative test date will be provided. Where a candidate becomes indisposed during a test, the test venue will make appropriate arrangements to care for the child and to inform his/her parents. These arrangements may include allowing the candidate to leave the test room for a short period under supervision; returning to finish the tests. If the candidate is unable to continue and leaves the premises then he/she will not be allowed to finish any test that he/she has already started.

What is the pass mark for the Selective Eligibility Test?

It is not possible to state a pass mark in advance of the test. The pass mark will be decided by the participating schools after the test has been marked. Each School may determine its own pass mark.

Do you offer a review or re-marking service?

No. All SET answer sheets are marked twice as a matter of course: firstly by machine and then by hand, to ensure that all marks are recorded.

Does my child have to pass each paper in the Selective Eligibility Test?

It is the total score that determines whether your child has passed the test: so for example, a very good performance in English can compensate for one that is a little weaker in Maths.

Does my daughter's score in the Selective Eligibility Test count towards her score in the Second Stage Entrance Examination at Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls?

Yes. The final rank order of the entrance examinations will be determined on the basis of the aggregate scores of the Selective Eligibility Test and the two elements of the Second Stage Entrance Examination in the ratio 1:1:1.

Do you make allowances for age (as in a child whose birthday is at one end of the school year)?

Yes. A standardisation for age mechanism is applied to the outcome of the Selective Eligibility Test.

When and how do I find out the outcome of the Selective Eligibility Test?

You will receive an email during Tuesday 22 September 2020 with the outcome of the Selective Eligibility Test.

Will I be given details of my child's results of the Selective Eligibility Test?

Each school may determine its own pass mark.

If your child meets the required standard for at least one participating school: You will not be given any information regarding his/her scores but will be told that he/she has met the required standard(s) and will be invited to second stage testing (where applicable).

If your child does not meet the required standard for any of the participating schools: You will be given his/her standardised scores in both papers which will include any appropriate age adjustment and their total score.

What happens if my child does not pass the Selective Eligibility Test?

If your child does not pass the Selective Eligibility Test for a particular school it means:

For Greenshaw High School – your son or daughter is not eligible for one of the 60 ability places at Greenshaw High School but they may still be eligible for a place at Greenshaw High School under one of the school's other criteria. Please see the Greenshaw High School website for details of its admissions criteria.

For all the other participating schools – your child is not eligible for a place at any of these schools as they will not have met the admissions criteria. You should not name these schools on your CAF. However, if you think you might want to lodge an appeal, you will need to name the relevant school(s) on the CAF. This will give you the opportunity to lodge any appeal(s) after National Offer Day.

When will I receive an offer of a school place?

You will not receive an offer until 1 March 2021 (National Offer Day). Offers of places at Wallington High School for Girls are dependent not only on passing the SET and Second Stage Entrance Examination and your

daughter's position in the rank order but also on whether or not you have placed another school or schools higher on your list of preferences and if you have, on the outcome of the process at those schools.

I have a question which isn't covered here; what should I do?

If your query relates to the SET, you should email it to SET2021Entry@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk

If your query relates to admission to one of the participating schools, you should contact a member of the Admissions Team at that school:

School	Tel No	Email
Greenshaw High School	020 8715 1001	admissions@greenshaw.co.uk
Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls	020 8394 3400	admissions@girlslearningtrust.org
Sutton Grammar School	020 8642 3821	admissions@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk
Wallington County Grammar School	020 8647 2235	admissions@wcgs.org.uk
Wilson's School	020 8773 2931	admissions@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk