**23/05/2023**

**Year 5 Parent Information - Secondary Transfer Testing**

 **Dear Parents,**

This information is for the parents of pupils who will be moving up to Year 7 in **September 2024**.

In Buckinghamshire, we have two types of mainstream secondary schools; grammar schools and upper/all-ability schools.

* grammar schools admit children based on their performance in the Secondary Transfer Test
* upper/all-ability schools admit any child, regardless of ability

Each of the thirteen grammar schools in Buckinghamshire is its own Admission Authority. For the purpose of Secondary Transfer Testing, the thirteen schools work together as The Buckinghamshire Grammar Schools (TBGS). We administer the Secondary Transfer Testing process for TBGS. We provide this information on their behalf. You can find more details on the [TBGS website](https://www.thebucksgrammarschools.org/) including links to the website for each grammar school.

GL Assessment is the test provider for the Buckinghamshire Secondary Transfer Test.

Your child will take the Secondary Transfer Test on Thursday 14th September. The test is designed to assess a child’s suitability for grammar school. The skills measured in the test should make sure that your child will go to a school that can best meet their educational needs. If you would not like your child to sit the transfer test please email the school office to let them know as soon as possible. Your child will sit the test unless you inform us.

Each child will work through a Familiarisation booklet at home. This will be sent to you early July. This makes sure your child has the chance to see the style of the tests and to try out some of the question types. Your child will also take a Practice Test before taking the Secondary Transfer Test. This will be on Tuesday 12th September. This will be emailed to you.

**Would you like your child to take the Secondary Transfer Test?**

**If yes:**

If your child goes to a state funded Buckinghamshire primary school you don’t need to do anything; we register them for the Secondary Transfer Test automatically. Our school is a state funded school therefore, we will register your child for the test.

**If no:**

Please email Mrs Brown, via the school office, office@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk to let her know you do not want your child to take the test.

In both cases remember to apply for your child’s secondary school place during the first half of the autumn term. Apply to the County or Borough in whose area your child lives.

The national secondary school application deadline is 31 October.

In case the testing schedule is disrupted and results are released after 31 October, we advise you to still include both grammar schools and upper/all ability schools in your application.

Kind Regards

Mrs Brown

Headteacher