

Bexley Selection Tests - September Review Process

The Bexley selection test is highly competitive. The selective standard is high and the competition for places is demanding. Over 7000 children registered to sit the test and only around 30% of these will be deemed selective. All children who took the test have been ranked in order of their total score. The number deemed selective is based on the number of children necessary to fill the 800 places available.

We understand that the decision not to deem your child selective may be disappointing. We encourage parents to be positive about the outcome with their children.

If you have evidence to support your belief that your child's score does not properly reflect his or her ability and that there were particular circumstances that may have affected the test result, the non-selective decision can be reviewed. But we would expect that to happen only in exceptional cases and it will need to be based on evidence. Review requests should not be submitted if a child has not achieved the selective score but there are no exceptional circumstances. Factors that have been considered in previous years by the Review Panel are long term personal and social factors, length of time living in the UK and disruption during the test. Evidence must be provided of a substantial impact at the time of the test.

The stages of the review process are:

1. Requests for review should normally be made by Head Teachers. We ask for evidence from the Head Teacher of the child's attainment in school. You should therefore make an appointment to see your child's Head Teacher to discuss whether he or she agrees with your view that your child is clearly of selective ability, but the scores do not reflect that. In preparation for that discussion, you should consider what evidence you have to support your view and of the exceptional circumstances that may have affected the test result, so that it can be submitted with any request for a review.

We suggest that you first speak to your child's Head Teacher on your proposal taking with you your results letter. If you would like to proceed you or your Head Teacher will need to complete the 'Pupil Report for The Selection Review Panel' on the next page. All review requests must be received by the Bexley School Admissions Team no later than 11 November. Requests received after this date will not be considered.

Review requests made by parents will be considered, but requests that are supported by a Head Teacher are more likely to succeed.

2. The review process will not be completed until the end of November, after the deadline for submitting your child's Secondary Application by 31 October. If you are discussing a review with your child's Head Teacher, you should include at least one preference for a grammar school in Bexley on your Secondary Application. This is so that your application for a grammar school can be considered if the Review Panel decides that your child should be deemed selective.

3. We will email you and the Head Teacher advising you of the outcome of the review in December.

Pupil Report for The Selection Review Panel

Pupil's details

First name		Last name	
M/F		DOB	

Standardised Test Score

TOTAL	
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School Report Overall Attainment

Curriculum area	Current attainment	
English	Greater depth	
Maths	Greater depth	
Other areas	Greater depth	

Head Teacher recommendation and comments

Overall recommendation (Selective or non-selective): Selective

Signed Head Teacher		Date	

Completed forms should be returned by 11 November to the School Admissions Team, London Borough of Bexley, Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7AT or by email to selectiontests@bexley.gov.uk