

Registration for the Selective Eligibility Test

Request to parents

- 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 do 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. So 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 the marking of each stage 2 paper takes time, and is undertaken by qualified teachers.

In addition, such children can distort the process of setting a pass mark. Each of the SET participating schools have to set a pass mark for the SET (and for the stage 2 test where relevant) before we know who has listed us on their Common Application Form. Each school sets its pass mark at a level that it believes will fill its PAN (Pupil Admissions Number) with qualified applicants. If it then becomes apparent that a significant number of children who have achieved the pass mark have not applied for a place there is a danger that our schools may not fill their places.

Thank you for reading the above.