

19th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

As you will be aware, the Secondary Transfer Tests have been delayed this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The dates for the tests at St. Joseph's are below:

<p>Practice Test</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd November</p>	<p>Your child will take the practice test before they take the Secondary Transfer Test.</p> <p>The practice test looks the same as the Secondary Transfer Test and has the same instructions. Your child will sit the two multiple-choice Practice Test papers in test conditions. These are both timed like the Secondary Transfer Test. An audio soundtrack gives the instructions for the test.</p> <p>The practice test will mean your child becomes very familiar with the different sorts of questions and the style of the test. Your child will get used to using a separate answer sheet. Your child will experience this under test conditions. The Practice Test papers are shorter than the Secondary Transfer Test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they take about 40 minutes each • they are not marked or sent home. <p>The purpose of the Practice Test is not to see how well your child has done. It is to give your child a good opportunity to prepare for the Secondary Transfer Test.</p>
<p>Secondary Transfer Test</p>	<p>Thursday 5th November</p>	<p>There are two Secondary Transfer Test papers. They are multiple-choice. One paper tests verbal skills including comprehension, technical English and verbal reasoning. The other tests mathematics and non-verbal skills including spatial reasoning.</p> <p>They are about 45 minutes long (60 minutes including the introduction and examples). An audio soundtrack gives the instructions for the test.</p>

All children in Buckinghamshire primary schools are automatically registered for the Secondary Transfer Test. The test, however, is not compulsory, so do think carefully about whether a grammar school place would be suitable for your child.

If you decide to withdraw your child from the test, you must put this in writing to Mrs Lovegrove by Friday 23rd October.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P O'Kane
Deputy Headteacher