

Sutton Grammar School Admissions Policy

Year 7 Admissions

The School's Standard Admission Number for Year 7 is 135, to include any boys with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) or Statements of Special Educational Needs who meet the School's Admission Standard and for whom Sutton Grammar School is the named school on their EHCP or statement, and any boys who are deemed to be looked after or formerly looked after by a local authority and who meet the School's Admission Standard. In the event that there are more qualified boys than places the over-subscription criteria will determine the rank order in which places will be offered.

Sutton Grammar School is part of the Pan-London Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme. To make a valid application parents must complete the Common Application Form (CAF) issued by their Local Authority. If parents live in London or Surrey they can access and complete the CAF on-line at www.eadmissions.org.uk

From this point onwards we use the terms 'parents' and 'son' frequently. All such references also apply to 'carers' and their 'looked-after boy'.

Eligibility Tests for entry to Year 7

To be eligible for entry into Year 7 boys must meet the Admission Standard.

A boy must first pass the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) run in conjunction with other local schools. The SET will be taken on a date in September of the year of application. This test will be sat at an allocated test centre. The result of the SET, including age and deprivation adjustments, determines whether or not a boy is eligible for the School's second stage test.

Sutton Grammar School's second stage test will test the core subjects of English and mathematics. Only boys who have met the standard in the SET will be invited to take the second stage test.

The result of the tests (the SET and the School's second stage test) will not guarantee a place at the School but will show that the boy has met the School's Admission Standard and will allow the parents to make an informed choice when completing the CAF prior to 31 October in the year of application.

Taking the Tests

Full details of the application procedure and the test dates will be published on the School's website and those of the other participating schools.

The dates of the SET and the second stage test will be set to ensure that parents receive the results and are able to make an informed choice on their Common Application Form (CAF) before 31 October in the year of application.

To register a boy to take the Selective Eligibility Test parents/carers must complete the Registration Form (sometimes called the Supplementary Form), which they can access and complete on-line via a link from the website of any of the participating schools.

Applying for Sutton Grammar School

For an application to Sutton Grammar School to be valid:

- boys must meet the 'pass' standard of the SET.
- boys must meet Sutton Grammar School's Admission Standard following completion of the second stage test.
- parents must name Sutton Grammar School on the CAF.

Oversubscription Criteria

Parents must have named Sutton Grammar School on the CAF and their son must have met the School's Admission Standard in order to be placed on a rank order list of qualified applicants that is sent to the Local Authority.

After the admission of boys with an EHCP who meet the admissions standard the following criteria will apply, in the order set out below, to determine the rank order of boys eligible for offers of places at the School:

1. Boys who are deemed to be 'looked after' or formerly looked after by a local authority. Supporting evidence of the status will be required.
2. 75 places by rank order of the combined scores in the SET and Sutton Grammar School's second stage tests where the home address of the boy is in one of the specified postcodes (SM1-7, KT4, KT17, CR0 4-, CR4)
3. Up to 60 places (plus any remaining places from criterion 2 if the number of qualified boys in criterion 2 is less than the 75 on offer) by rank order of the combined scores in the SET and Sutton Grammar School's second stage tests, where the home address of the boy may be in any postcode.
4. Proximity of the boy's home address from the School (where scores are equal).

The final score will be rounded to the nearest four marks. There will usually be several boys with the same final score. Where the admission of all of these would exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated by proximity of the boy's home address (measured in a straight line) to the front door of the School in Manor Lane. All distances will be measured using a computerised Geographical Information System maintained by the London Borough of Sutton.

The address used in the application process must be the boy's permanent place of residence on the date of submission of the Registration Form, updated by notice to the School's Registrar if necessary, to be current on 31 October in the year of application. It will be expected to be the home address recorded by the boy's current primary school (with any exceptions fully explained) and must be the address validly registered with the local authority on the CAF submitted by 31 October in the year of application. Proof of address and dates of living there must be provided on request to check that the appropriate address is used in applying the over-subscription criteria.

If the parents do not live together, the address used should be that of the parent with whom the child spends the majority of his time. This will normally be the main address held by the primary school. This should also be the case if there is a formal equal share custody arrangement between the parents.

In the case of boys who are the children of permanent employees of Sutton Grammar School with at least two years services service by 31 October of the year of application, or who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage the home address will be deemed to be that of the school.

Admission of children outside their usual age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their registration, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested. Parents are asked to submit information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. When such a request is made, the Academy Trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent. The Academy Trust will include consideration of the following factors when making a decision:

- Parents' views
- Information relating to the child's academic, social and emotional development, where relevant
- Medical history and the views of a medical professional
- Any previous history of being educated outside his normal age group
- If the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely
- Views of the Headteacher of Sutton Grammar School

Offer of Places

Parents will be informed of the school place offered to their son in a letter or email from their home Local Authority and this will be sent to arrive on the National Offer Day. The School will send parents confirmation of the status of their boy's application on the following working day.

Parents of boys not offered a place will be given details of the procedure for making an appeal. The Trust has established an independent panel to hear appeals.

Waiting List

If a boy who meets the Admissions Standard is not offered a place for September in the year of entry because the year group is full, he will remain on the waiting list until 31 December of that year. If a vacancy arises within that period, the boy ranked highest on the waiting list according to the application of oversubscription criteria will be offered a place at the School without having to sit a further test.

Late Admission for Years 7 – 11

Applications for boys to join the School at other times are welcome. Admission tests will only be held if a place is available and these will be used to determine that boys are of selective ability. Places will be offered to the highest ranking boys in the tests who meet the required standard. Boys will not be re-tested for a place in the same academic year. Applications for mid-term admissions and waiting lists will be managed in accordance with the London Borough of Sutton's coordinated scheme for mid-term admissions.

Sixth Form Entry

The anticipated capacity of the sixth form is 145 students in Year 12. Priority will be given to students already at the School. All internal students who meet the criteria are eligible for a place in the sixth form.

At sixth form level, all students must meet a minimum level of overall success at GCSE. Entry is based on all the grades obtained by applicants, who must pass at least eight GCSEs or equivalent exams such as IGCSEs, at grades 9-4 (A*-C in former system of grading), including English, mathematics and a science. Four of these subjects must be at a minimum of grade 7 (formerly grade A) and a further two at a minimum of grade 6 (formerly grade B). GCSE grades 9-7 (or equivalent) are usually required in the subjects to be studied at A-level.

A minimum of 25 places will be offered annually to external candidates. For external candidates, admission to the Sixth Form is open to male and female applicants on an equal basis. Applications may be made by a parent or prospective student. Offers of places will be determined by the rank order of actual examination results and are subject to the availability of places in individual subjects. Further information is published in the Sixth Form Prospectus.

Admissions Procedures and Test Dates for entry to Year 7 in September 2021

Selective Eligibility Test for entry to Year 7 - Tuesday 15 September 2020

For entry into Year 7 in September 2021, boys must first pass the Selective Eligibility Test to be taken on Tuesday 15 September 2020. This test, which is also being used by other local schools, determines whether or not a boy can be considered for a selective place at any of these schools. For Sutton Grammar School, the result of the Selective Eligibility Test will determine whether or not a boy will be eligible for Sutton Grammar School's second stage entrance test, which will be run in conjunction with Wilson's School.

To register a boy to take the Selective Eligibility Test parents/carers must submit the Registration Form by Friday 14 August 2020, which they can access and complete on-line via a link from the School's website or the websites of any of the participating schools. Parents/carers will be notified of the arrangements, including the test centre that they should attend.

The Selective Eligibility Test for Year 7 comprises two multiple-choice style tests - an English test and a mathematics test. There are no alternative dates offered on which to sit the entrance tests.

Special arrangements will be made for those who are ill on the day (doctor's certificate required).

Sutton Grammar School - Second Stage Test - Saturday 3 October 2020

Only boys who have passed the Selective Eligibility Test will be eligible for the second stage of testing. Their parents will receive information about taking the second stage test by email by Tuesday 22 September 2020.

The second stage test will be held on Saturday 3 October 2020 at Sutton Grammar School or Wilson's School. The second stage test will assess the core subjects of English and mathematics.

Result

The School's Admission Standard and the ranking order for places will be determined as follows.

The results from the Selective Eligibility Test will be carried forward and combined with the results from the second stage tests. Four standardised scores will be calculated using: (1) the multiple choice items from the English paper on the Selective Eligibility Test; (2) the multiple choice items from the mathematics paper on the Selective Eligibility Test; (3) the English paper in the second stage test and (4) the mathematics paper in the second stage test. The four standardised scores will be weighted in the ratio 2:2:3:3, adjusted for age and deprivation (using the IDAC1 score for a boy's home address), and the total rounded to the nearest four marks to give the final score.

Wilson's School will use the results of the second stage tests in accordance with its own admissions policy.

Parents will be notified as to whether or not their son has met the Admission Standard for Sutton Grammar School by email by on Friday 16 October 2020. This will enable them to make an informed choice on the CAF. Where the Admission Standard is not met, some information about test results will be issued to parents to help them understand how their son performed in the various tests.

Meeting the Admission Standard will not constitute an offer of a place.

IMPORTANT - APPLYING FOR A PLACE

For an application to Sutton Grammar School to be valid:

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- boys must meet the Sutton Grammar School Admission Standard following completion of the second stage test.
- parents must name Sutton Grammar School on the CAF.