

St Mary's Farnham Royal Church of England Primary School



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Thursday 5th May 2022

Dear year 5 parents and carers,

We have now created a 'Secondary School 2023' information page on our school website. It is important that you familiarise yourself with the information on the page (link below)

To support you through this process we are holding a parent information session on Tuesday 24th May 2022 @ 3:30pm. The session, which will take place in the hall, will last about 1hr. Children are welcome to attend with parents

<https://st-marys-farnham-royal-ce-primary.secure-primariesite.net/secondary-school-september-2023/>

Key Dates

Now & ongoing	ALL PARENTS Start to consider and visit secondary schools so you can make an informed choice
Tuesday 24 th May 2022 @ 3:30pm	ALL PARENTS SMFR parent information session
13 th June 2022	Deadline for parents of children with special educational need or disability to request reasonable adjustments to the Secondary Transfer Test <u>The paperwork for this will not be completed unless specifically requested by a parent.</u> – see additional page 2 information below
July	Familiarisation Paper set to home address. This is not marked.:
13 th September 2022	Practice Buckinghamshire Transfer Test at SMFR
15 th September 2022	Buckinghamshire Transfer Test at SMFR
Midnight 31 st October 2022.	ALL PARENTS Deadline for secondary choices submitted via the county you live in.
1 st March 2023	ALL PARENTS Secondary school offer day

Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests (previously 11+)

All SMFR children are automatically entered into the Buckinghamshire Transfer Test which is sat at SMFR. If you do not want your child to sit the 'secondary transfer test' (11 plus), you will need to opt out by sending an email to the office stating this. Every year, we have children who confidently opt out because they and their parents have decided they would prefer a non-selective school. Avoiding the stress of the exam.

We urge you to think carefully as to whether a grammar school is suitable for your child. Each year we are asked lots of questions about this. We would advise that, while grammar school is ideal for some children, the high academic demand, faster pace, and expectations of independent learning do not suit everyone. The recommendation is broadly that pupils who have worked consistently at greater depth/excelled, over the years, in reading, writing and maths are best suited to grammar school. Please speak with us if you are unsure, we can advise whether we would recommend your child sit the test.

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Applications for requesting reasonable adjustments to the Secondary Transfer Test

If you have decided to go ahead with the secondary transfer test (11+) and your child's special educational need or disability has a 'substantial and long-term effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities or if your child's situation might make access to the tests difficult', please email the office as soon as possible to see if special testing arrangements should be made. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure that the school knows about their needs so that reasonable adjustments can be applied for. The paperwork for this will not be completed unless specifically requested by a parent.

When considering a request for adjustments, the local authority looks for evidence from us at school. They also require other professional evidence and formal diagnosis to support your request.

Reports may be from:

- an educational psychologist
- occupational therapist
- a GP
- a medical consultant
- a specialist teacher
- neurodevelopment pathway assessment
- EHCP
- speech and language therapist
- Please see the reasonable adjustments guidelines for information about the dates needed on these reports as they must be up to date.

Please contact the office by 13th June if you have evidence to support your requests and require the school to apply for these reasonable adjustments for your child.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. Eaglen', with a light blue horizontal line underneath.

Mrs Vania Eaglen
Headteacher