FAQS for Parents whose children will sit the SEAG Entrance Assessment 2023

Q. When will I receive my child's Admission Card?
A. SEAG do not post out Admission Cards. The Admission card is the Pupil Card which you download from your
 Dashboard.

Q. How do I find my child's Pupil Card?
A. Log onto your SEAG account and go to Dashboard. Then click on your child's name. From here you will see a
  green banner saying 'Download Pupil Card'.

Q. Do I need to print the Pupil Card?
A. Printing the Pupil Card is the best option but if you do not have access to a printer you can download the card
  and save this to a mobile device.

Q. What happens if I forget the Pupil Card?
A. The Assessment Centre will try to verify your child's identity.

Q. The Pupil Card has 09:00 written on it. Does that mean we have to be at the Assessment Centre by 9am?
A. No. The Assessment Centre will inform you of the time your child needs to arrive, based on their arrangements for the morning. Please allow sufficient time to get to the Centre.

Questions relating to the day of the Assessment:

Q Do pupils need to bring pencils and erasers?
A No. The Assessment Centre will provide HB pencils and erasers

Q Can pupils use a ruler?
A Rulers are not allowed. The exception is if a "reading ruler" has been allowed as an Access Arrangement.

Q Do pupils need to bring water with them?
A Water will be provided by the Assessment Centre.

Q Is paper for rough work provided?
A Yes. Each Assessment Centre will provide each pupil with rough work paper and pupils can put their hand up
  and ask for more paper if they need it.

Q Do pupils need to fill in their own details on their Answer Sheet?
A The answers sheets come with each pupil's details already typed in.

Q Can pupils write on their question papers?
A Yes. Pupils can do rough work on their question papers. They should not do rough work on the Answer Sheets.

Q Can pupils bring a highlighter?
A Pupils can bring a highlighter but it MUST NOT be used on the Answer Sheet.

Q Should pupils wear their Primary School uniforms?
A Yes, it is preferable if they do but it is not a requirement.

Q Will pupils be told how much time they have remaining during the Entrance Assessment?
A Yes. At different times during the Assessment the invigilator will tell pupils how much time they have left.

In addition there will be a clock in the room and the start time and end time of the Assessment will also be clearly displayed.

Other FAQs:

Q How is the Answer Sheet marked?
A The 44 multiple choice questions are computer marked and the 12 "free response" questions are hand marked.

Q In the free response questions must the spelling be completely accurate to gain the mark?
A No. If a pupil's answer is easily interpreted as representing the correct answer and not a wrong answer, the mark is awarded even if the spelling is not quite correct.

Q Is each question worth 1 mark?
A Yes. Each of the 56 questions is worth 1 mark. No question is worth more than any other question.

Q What time does the Entrance Assessment start?
A The Entrance Assessment starts at 10:00 am in the Assessment Centre BUT pupils will need to arrive well before that so that everyone can be checked in and seated in their rooms or halls on time.

Q How will I know what time I need to arrive at the Assessment Centre and where to arrive?
A The Assessment Centre will contact parents and provide them with details of the arrangements for dropping off and picking up children.

Q If the Assessment starts at 10:00 am, does that mean that my child will be finished at 11:00 am?
A No. The first part of the Entrance Assessment is the Practice Test section which lasts around 15 minutes. This helps pupils become familiar with how to use the Answer Sheet, listening to the invigilator, etc. The 60 minute time starts when pupils are told they can begin the Main Test.

Q Will there be an opportunity to visit the Assessment Centre with my child before the Assessment?
A Yes, each Centre is planning to hold a "Familiarisation Session" in October, before the Halloween break.