



LEE Hurst Swan **11+ EXAMINATION POLICY**

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Aim

We aim to ensure that any child who is of grammar school standard and who would benefit from a grammar school education is given the best chance to pass the 11+ examination.

Preparation

Parents will be given the opportunity to enter their children for the 11+ classes run during activities lessons in Years 5 and 6, where time is allocated to practise the skills needed in the various examination papers. They have a practice examination session approximately one week before the actual 11+ examination or at the start of the autumn term.

Consultation with parents

A meeting to explain the 11+ procedure is arranged for parents of Y5 pupils in the autumn term prior to the start of the 11 plus coaching. A Pupil's progress is not discussed at this meeting.

Parents are given a frank assessment of their child's ability and likelihood of passing the 11+ examination towards the end of the summer term, in which their child is in Year 5. The decision to, and responsibility for, entering a child for the 11+ examination lies with the parents.

The examination

Parents are responsible for ensuring their children attend the examination on the day and that the grammar school is aware of any special arrangements that need to be made. Parents must follow the information given by the grammar schools.

Results

The results of the 11 plus are communicated direct to the parents by letter from the local authority or grammar schools. Parents are advised to tell their child in person and should not inform them whilst they are in school eg by phone. The school is not informed of the results and values this information from the parents.

Appeals to the Independent Appeals Panel

There is no right of appeal for schools and all appeals must be made solely by parents. The school can support parents to a limited extent but only in *exceptional* circumstances. The main exception being that a child has not passed when other pupils, much lower in the rank order established in school, have passed. Even in this eventuality the school is not able to appeal and can only support a parental appeal.

In exceptional cases, the school will support parents in their appeals by providing an academic reference, in the form of a letter from the Headmaster and any data considered relevant. It should be noted that the Appeals Panel pays little attention to such information since the 11 plus examination is the measure of ability, as is the capacity to work rapidly and under pressure in the examination.

Parents must not seek further information, or letters of support from other teaching staff, since the school response is the official position of Lee Hurst Swan School.

Once the outcome of this appeal has been decided the school cannot support any further appeals.

This policy is subject to annual review according to a timetabled programme.