

REGISTRATION FOR FAIR BANDING AND LANGUAGE APTITUDE TEST

GUIDANCE NOTES:

Should I apply for my child to sit the Fair Banding Test?

Priority for admission in to Year 7 is given to those students sitting the Fair Banding Test and assigned a band. Places within bands are then allocated according to our published admissions criteria (see website). Applications from children who do not sit the Fair Banding Test will not be considered for places until after applications from children who have sat the banding test. In practice this means there is little chance of gaining a place if a pupil does not sit the Fair Banding Test. Special arrangements are made for children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs and those in public care. If your child may need special arrangements please contact the school.

What is the Fair Banding Test like?

- The Fair Banding Test will be carried out at Cleeve School
- It takes about an hour (30 mins of testing, plus explanations)
- It is a multiple choice style test based on non-verbal reasoning
- The Fair Banding scores are used to place students in bands. It is **not** a pass or fail test.

Should I apply for my child to sit the Language Aptitude Test?

In addition to the Fair Banding test you can also choose for your child to sit the Language Aptitude Test.

A child living in the catchment has higher priority than a child living outside the catchment regardless of Language Aptitude score. Therefore, if you live in the catchment area there is no advantage to your child sitting the Language Aptitude Test.

After allocation of places to students in catchment, up to 10% of spaces in each of the 7 bands will be allocated to those **outside** the catchment area in order of test score in the Language Aptitude Test. This means that there will be up to 3 spaces in each and every band for applicants with the highest language aptitude scores in that band. These will be the first applicants **outside** catchment to be admitted. The remaining places will go to those outside catchment in order of increasing distance.

What is the Language Aptitude Test like?

- The Language Aptitude Test will be carried out at Cleeve School
- The written element of the Language Aptitude Test takes 40 mins, with an additional 20 minutes needed for explanations
- Applicants will then have a 5 minute oral test. For this test, applicants will be in a waiting area with several other children while they wait for their test time. This area will have refreshments and entertainment to occupy the children while they wait.

Precise details, dates and times will be sent to you after 16th October 2009 when all application forms have been received.

Important note about names:

Our information has to tally with county information once you formally apply to county for a place at Cleeve. Therefore please register your child for our test using their correct full name as it will appear on the official county database.