



Preparation for Secondary School

May 2022

Local schools attended by our children

- St. George's Academy—Ruskington and Sleaford
- Carre's Grammar School
- Kesteven and Sleaford High School
- Sir William Robertson Academy

Vital to attend and get a feel and flavour of what they offer.

Different schools fit different children.

We have strong links with first three.

Important Dates

- Tuesday 14th June Year 5 Taster Day
- Monday 4th - Friday 8th July Open Week at Carre's Grammar School/Kesteven and Sleaford High School (by appointment only – bookings open on Monday 6th June from www.carres.uk or www.kshs.uk)
- Tuesday 5th July St George's Open Evening/Open Evening at Kesteven and Sleaford High School (no appointment necessary)
- Wednesday 6th July Open Evening at Carre's Grammar School (no appointment necessary)
- Thursday 7th July Open Morning at St George's
- Tuesday 12th July St George's Year 5 whole class taster morning
- Saturday 17th September Verbal Reasoning tests in the grammar schools
- Saturday 24th September Non-Verbal/Spatial Reasoning tests in the grammar schools
- Saturday 15th October Parents receive 11+ results by email (new this year)
- Wednesday 19th October Open Morning at Carre's Grammar School and Kesteven and Sleaford High School
- Monday 31st October 2022 Deadline for completion/return of Local Authority application form

11+ System

- Agreed by Lincolnshire Grammar School Consortium
- Not a pass/fail exam but a system to see what kind of school caters for your child's needs
- Top 10-15% of children
- Ability –Children should be well into age related expectations by the end of Year 5
- Last year 23 children took it, 9 achieved but not all chose to go to the grammar school setting

11+ Tests

- 2 Papers taken to gauge underlying ability. Paper 1 is Verbal, Paper 2 is Non Verbal and Spatial Reasoning (Second paper multiple choice and some 'spatial awareness' questions)
- No link at all to National Curriculum or School Curriculum
- Standardised scores linked to child's age
- 220 or above is expected mark over the two papers. (Equates to 70 % or more in each paper)

Role of the school

- To host both practice papers - (CHANGED main exam now at Grammar School)
- To orientate and familiarise children with what a paper looks like and how to approach it
- To mark practice paper with children and feedback
- Not to coach children towards exam

Supporting your child

- Not to put pressure on your child. Remember it is not a pass or fail exam but a way of finding the right school for your child.
- Look at some papers together to get your child familiar with papers (can be purchased at WHSmith or Amazon).
- If looking at papers short sessions with children getting used to timings.
- Children can be coached to pass but not the best for the child as there have been examples of children who really do struggle when they actually get to Grammar School setting