SEAG Entrance Assessment 2026 Familiarisation

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- Presentation
- Visit your allocated room
- See where the toilets are
- A chance to ask questions

We email parents the following information:

- Email letter with drop-off/pick-up times.
- Expectations of Parents and Pupils on the Days of the SEAG Entrance Assessment;
- Contingency Planning or ‘What If’ Scenarios - A Guide for Parents/Guardians.
- FAQS for Parents whose Children will sit the SEAG Entrance Assessment 2026.

- Pupil Cards are available for download on the SEAG website.

- Please print it and bring it to the Assessment Centre.

It’s just another school day.

- Wear your primary school uniform if you can.
- It can help you feel ready, but it is not compulsory.
- It helps to get you in the right frame of mind.

- Assessments are in classrooms, supervised by our staff, and in each room we have up to 20 pupils; there may be fewer in rooms where access arrangements apply.
- We will look after everybody from when your parents arrive with you until they pick you up again.
- We will have a lot of friendly faces about to take care of you: teachers, learning support and student prefects.
- You cannot get lost on the morning – we have so many people here to look after you – no need to worry, there will always be someone there to help you out.

People will be on hand to collect the children from you when you drop them off at the school foyer.



- The Entrance Assessment consists of two Assessment Papers taken a week apart, 14th and 21st of November.
- Two sharpened HB pencils, a rubber and blank sheets of paper for “working out” will be provided.
- Highlighters or a pencil grip may be brought in . Highlighter must not be used on the Answer sheet.
- Ordinary rulers, calculators, mobile phones, earbuds, smartglasses, watches/smartwatches and other electronic devices are not permitted.
- Water will be provided, do not bring any food or drink.
- No other item can be brought in unless specified in your SEAG approved access arrangements.

DETAILS OF ASSESSMENTS

- Check your name and date of birth on your answer sheet and tell the invigilator if anything is wrong.
- The Paper starts with a Practice section, about 15 minutes long, containing 5 English questions and 5 Maths questions.
- This allows pupils time to settle and to practise answering the same types of questions as those in the Main Paper but without those questions being marked or timed.
- The actual assessment, 60 minutes long, consists of an English section which has 28 questions and then a Maths section which also has 28 questions.

- Pupils may begin with either the English section or the Mathematics section.
- You may write on the question paper and working-out sheets.
- Do be careful that you record your answers on the separate answer sheet.
- Put your hand up if you feel unwell, need the toilet or need help.

- 56 questions in 60 minutes
- English/Irish: Questions 1–28
- Mathematics: Questions 29–56
- Multiple-choice and free-response questions: work quickly and carefully.
- Extra time is not allowed for a toilet break unless approved by access arrangements. .

There will be a clock at the front of the room.

- Pupils are told the start time and finishing time.

- The Invigilator will advise all pupils about the time:
  - when they are about halfway through;
  - when they have about 20 minutes left;
  - when they have about 10 minutes left.

- After 60* minutes, pupils will be told to stop, put their pencils down and not to talk.

*Timings will differ for pupils with extra time allowed.

ASSESSMENT DAYS

Schedule for each day: 14th and 21st November 2026

Procedure	Normal Timings	Additional Time Pupils
Children are settled in their assessment location	09.40 - 10.00	09.40 - 10.00
Preamble + Practice Section	10.00 - 10.15	10.00 - 10.15
Main Assessment	10.15 - 11.15	10.15 - 11.30
Papers collected, followed by phased exit	11.15 - 11.35	11.30 - 11.45

Pupils will now be escorted to visit their assessment rooms and see the toilet facilities.



Parents, please remain in the hall for some additional information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Please do not send your child in if they are unwell or may be contagious.

- If your child cannot attend, contact Rathmore as soon as possible and follow the notification arrangements in your “What If” guide.
- Pupils cannot be admitted to an assessment room after the Assessment has started.
- Contact SEAG promptly about any unexpected injury or change in medical need. Emergency Access Arrangements may be available.
- If SEAG postpones a paper nationally, the contingency date is Saturday 28 November 2026.

Please follow the drop-off and collection times in your letter.

- Pupils should arrive between 9:30 am and 9:40 am on 14 and 21 November 2026.
- Leave your child outside reception, where staff will guide pupils to their rooms.
- Collection will begin from approximately 11:30 am. Pupils will leave in phases, and pupils receiving additional time will finish later.
- Collect your child from the reception area. Parents should not proceed beyond this point, and noise should be kept low.

KEY DATES

- Saturday 14 November 2026: Assessment Paper 1
- Saturday 21 November 2026: Assessment Paper 2
- Saturday 23 January 2027: SEAG results
- 25 January–3 February 2027: remark period

Keep your phone close by on both Assessment mornings and ask the second emergency contact to do the same.

- Our **Open Day** is on **Saturday 16 January 2027** from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

- If you have any queries regarding entrance criteria, ring me.

- We are a family school, but we do take in new families every year.

Typically, more than half of our intake to Year 8 will be from new families. .

UNDERSTANDING SEAG RESULTS

Results available on the SEAG website from Saturday 23 January 2027. SEAG provide the following information.

- Total Standardised Age Score (TSAS): 138–282
- Overall result: Band 1–6
- English Standardised Age Score: 69–141
- Mathematics Standardised Age Score: 69–141
- Cohort Percentile Ranking
- A further breakdown includes questions answered correctly in each subject and in each Paper.