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Dear parents and carers,




**Year 6 Wirral Grammar School Assessment – Tuesday 15th September 2026**
**St Anselm's College Entrance Examination – Friday 18th September 2026**
**Upton Hall School Entrance Examination – Saturday 19th September 2026**

As you are aware, the entrance examinations for the Wirral grammar schools take place on Tuesday 15th September 2026. You will have received notification of your child's sitting which is either in the morning or the afternoon. Similarly, if your child is sitting the entrance examination for St Anselm's Friday 18th September, or Upton Hall Saturday 19th September the following information is applicable.

If your child's sitting is in the afternoon, it will be up to parents' discretion if children attend Avalon in the morning. School will be open as normal and children who are attending can be collected from school before their assessment. Children who are not in school will be marked as "educated off site" and not an unauthorised absence. Likewise, if your child's sitting is in the morning, it will be up to parents' discretion if they return to school in the afternoon.

If your child is not sitting an entrance exam on a particular day, it is expected that they will be in school as normal, unless by prior agreement with the Headteacher.

**In either instance, we would be grateful if you could email your intentions for Tuesday and/or Friday to schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk as soon as possible so we can update our registers.**

You will have been sent specific information regarding your child via email, so the information listed below is a **general outline of the assessment. You should refer to your specific letter for further details.**

- Pupils arriving late will not be admitted once the assessment has commenced.
- Children should wear their full school uniform to the assessment. If it is warm, they can take their blazers off during the assessment.
- Make sure that your child has a good breakfast. On the way to school give them some fruit or other healthy snack to eat. This will keep their blood sugar up and aid concentration.
- Leave plenty of time for the journey to school or to the test venue. If you are travelling a long distance, check the traffic reports before you set out.

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- Please provide children with 2 sharp pencils and an eraser in a clear plastic bag (such as a food bag) **in recent years, however, some schools have said not to bring this – please refer to your letter.*
- Pupils should not bring bags with them as there is no space to store them during the period of the assessment
- Please note that your child must not take a mobile phone, 'smart' watch or other electronic device with them into the assessment, therefore parents are requested to keep these devices during the assessments as schools do not have secure storage facilities.
- If your child wears glasses, please ensure they have them with them.
- There will be a break of approximately 20 minutes between the two papers (pupils will have the opportunity to go to the toilet before each of the papers).
- Pupils are encouraged to bring a drink and a healthy snack with them to consume during break. Water is permitted during the tests, but bottles should be stored under exam desks.
- IMPORTANT - Refreshments will not be provided at the venue.
- If you have any queries regarding the assessment arrangements, please email secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Callaway
**Headteacher**