



## Information Resilience and Transparency

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Dear Mr Collier

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating to school distances. Please see the response below:

*Dartford Grammar School, Dartford Grammar School for Girls primarily rank applications to their school based on the score achieved in the Kent Test and not on distance. The Leigh Academy, after splitting children into bands based on the school's ability testing, primarily rank applicants using randomisation.*

*For the other schools listed we can provide the distance of the lowest ranked child offered a place at the school by straight line, in miles.*

		<b>Distance of lowest ranked application (miles)</b>				
<b>DfE</b>	<b>School name</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
8864004	Meopham School	3.185	3.982	4.999	9.1009	225.5633
8864026	Dartford Science & Technology College	1.869	2.903	5.918	7.2824	5.2016
8864031	Orchards Academy	4.866	8.857	11.158	2.9665	2.2499
8864249	Valley Park School	1.342	1.257	1.962	0.9426	1.2129
8865400	Wilmington Grammar School for Girls	1.896	3.346	2.719	4.5457	8.3338
8865403	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	3.843	4.529	3.981	2.5308	5.52
8866914	Longfield Academy	5.532	6.353	3.98	4.1463	2.9271
8866920	Wilmington Academy	2.542	2.512	3.013	2.5226	1.3375

*Please note:*

*The largest distance quoted is correct. In this case, we received an application from a child way up the country via their local authority and were able to offer a place.*

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Yours sincerely

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