

CEM Selection Assessments: Information for Parents

Please note that due to the agreements between CEM and the schools for whom we provide assessments, we are not able to provide information regarding our 11+ selection assessments directly to parents. If you have any questions about the assessment your child will be taking, please contact your child's school or the Local Education Authority directly.

How can my child prepare for the CEM entrance assessments?

CEM advises parents that children can best prepare for our 11+ selection assessments by learning to work quietly on their own, completing homework set by their school, and by reading and trying to understand all the words in any books they read. Children should also, wherever possible, be encouraged to try to solve problems by looking things up for themselves.

CEM is aware of numerous commercial organisations offering tutoring services, books, practice materials, mock tests and other similar goods and services. These claim to be able to prepare and assist your child in their performance in our 11+ selection assessments. CEM is particularly aware of many third parties offering such services to parents online.

Please be aware that CEM **does not** recommend that parents purchase or subscribe to any commercially available materials or tutoring services in preparation for our 11+ selection assessments. CEM **does not** support, endorse or recommend **any** such books, materials or services.

Can we access practice materials and past papers for the CEM entrance assessments?

CEM **does not** provide any commercially available mock exams, practice papers or sample materials for use by parents or tutors.

Parents should always be wary of any materials or services offered by third parties. These will not have been developed by CEM and will not necessarily bear any relation to the tests we provide. Parents are advised to exercise extreme caution should they choose to engage with any such third party in this regard.

Schools and Education Authorities using our assessments will provide any necessary familiarisation materials to parents and candidates, **free of charge**, prior to testing. These materials will give your child information about the format of the assessment they will be taking. These materials never include questions that appear in the final tests.

For more detailed or test-specific information, please contact your child's school or Local Education Authority directly. We are unable to provide further information for parents.

Should my child be tutored for the CEM selection assessments?

CEM aims to reduce any disadvantage created between children who are tutored for tests and those who are not. We firmly believe that children should not be tutored for our selection assessments. Our assessments are designed to enable all children to demonstrate their academic potential without the need for excessive preparation.

Parents should talk to their child's teacher if they need advice on whether their child should be entered for the tests.

I have a question about my child's CEM selection assessment results – who can I talk to?

Any queries regarding specific test results arising from the assessments should be directed to your child's school or to the Local Education Authority. CEM is not able to discuss results with parents.