

# Sandgate

A designated bathing water where water quality is monitored from May to September by the Environment Agency

**Classifications were not made for the 2020 season due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sampling programme**

### Latest Annual Classification: 2019



**Excellent**  
bathing water quality

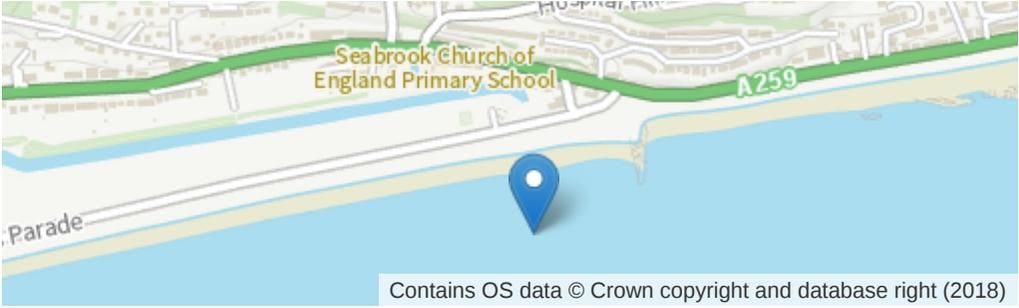
- ★★★★ excellent
- ★★★ good
- ★★ sufficient
- ★ poor
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### Water quality at Sandgate

Sandgate bathing water can be affected by flows from the Royal Military Canal after heavy rainfall.

The bathing water can be affected by occasional blooms of phytoplankton (microscopic algae) which are not harmful, but can result in the water appearing discoloured or as foam forming on the water. The risks to human health from contact, ingestion or inhalation with marine algae that currently occur in UK coastal waters are considered to be low. However, some individuals may be more sensitive and display some reactions. A common marine algae found in UK coastal waters is *Phaeocystis*, which is often mistaken for sewage as it forms foam and a brown scum, but it is non-toxic.

### Sampling point location



### Previous annual classifications

2018 ★★★★★ Excellent    2017 ★★★★★ Excellent    2016 ★★★★★ Excellent

### For more information

The full details for this bathing water, its catchment, information on all potential pollution sources and how they are managed can be viewed on the Environment Agency website:  
<https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles>



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