



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1) How will the teachers know that my child has a Special Educational Need?**

We liaise closely with our local Primary schools who pass on information about the students, including details of special educational or medical needs. Our Learning Support staff also attend review meetings for those students in Years 5 and 6 who have Statements or who are at School Action Plus. For students who come from out of catchment schools, we rely on their schools making us aware of any issues. If your child comes from a school that is out of our catchment and you are concerned that we may not be informed of any special needs your child has please contact us.

### **2) What happens if my child is being bullied?**

Bullying sadly happens in all schools though at The Kimberley School is it a rare event and is dealt with promptly. If you suspect your child is being bullied, please contact your child's tutor who can then take immediate action to support your child and prevent any further bullying from occurring.

### **3) My child has Dyslexia, how will the school support them?**

This information will be passed on to us by your child's Primary school. Our Learning Support staff will contact you to learn more about the exact nature of your child's Dyslexia and this information will be passed on to your child's teachers.

If you think that your child has Dyslexia but has never been tested for it, please inform your child's Tutor who can then make arrangements for testing to take place.

### **4) What is the House System?**

All students and staff are allocated to a House. The four Houses take their names from famous people from the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire area. They are:

Jesse **Boot**

Brian **Clough**

DH **Lawrence**

Florence **Nightingale**

The House system encourages a sense of identity and collaboration. Each Tutor Group is aligned to one of the Houses and there is a number of House competitions organised each year to encourage cross-year collaboration and achievement.



### **5) How are the Tutor Groups organised?**

In Year 7, students are placed in groups of about 30. We will ask your child's Primary school for advice about who they would like to be with and who we should avoid placing them with if necessary. In an ideal world, all children would stay together in their friendship groups but this is not always possible. Your child will be with at least one of their friends but we cannot guarantee that they will be grouped with a best friend or a larger group of friends. When grouping students into Tutor Groups we have to take into account other factors as well and this may affect how many friends we can place your child with.

In Years 8 to 11, students are organised into vertical Tutor groups. This means that each Tutor Group has students from all years and they will stay with the same Tutor for the rest of their time at the school.

### **6) What happens if my child is late or has to leave school for an appointment?**

If students arrive after registration they need to report to Student Reception where they will be marked in as late unless they have a good reason. If your child has to leave during the school day for an unavoidable appointment, please write a note in your child's planner so they can show it to their class teacher and the Student Receptionist before they leave.

### **7) Do you have a school uniform?**

We have a main uniform as well as a uniform for PE lessons. The main uniform consists of:

- White shirt/blouse
- Black trouser or a black skirt (that is of a sensible length please)
- School tie
- Sensible formal black shoes (no trainers or trainer style shoes please)
- Black blazer with the School's badge

We have a uniform sales evening in the Summer Term for Year 6 children. This information will be sent to you once your child's place has been confirmed.

### **8) Will my child have a chance to visit the School before starting in September?**

We have an Induction Club in June and July between 4 and 5 pm which offers students whose place has been confirmed the chance to meet children from other schools. We also have Induction Day on the first Wednesday in July where all Year 6 students who are joining us the following September spend a day in their new Tutor Groups and meeting their new Tutor.



## 9) Where do the school buses pick up from?

We have two school buses, one that picks up from Awsworth and one from the Mornington Estate.

### The Mornington Bus

Mornings:	Strelley Bilborough Road Bus Stop	8.20
	Reynard Park, Gunnersbury Way	8.24
	Assarts Farm, Old Moor Lodge	8.28
	Nuthall Church	8.30
	Arrive Leisure Centre Car Park	8.40
Afternoons:	Depart Leisure Centre Car Park	15.25
	Nuthall Church	15.30
	Assarts Farm, Old Moor Lodge	15.35
	Gunnersbury Way	15.40
	Bilborough Road Bus Stop	15.45
Single Fares:	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Students	£1.50*
	Years 7 to 11	£1.00*

### The Awsworth Bus

Mornings:	Ilkeston Wharncliffe Road	8.17
	Cossal Marsh	8.25
	Awsworth, Keelings Corner	8.27
	Arrive Leisure Centre Car Park	8.40
Afternoons:	Depart Leisure Centre Car Park	15.25
	Awsworth, Keelings Corner	15.35
	Cossall Marsh	15.37
	Ilkeston, Wharncliffe Road	15.45
Single Fares:	All students	£0.90*

Please note that the **R1** no longer picks up students from the Leisure Centre. Students need to catch the bus from Kimberley town centre but **not from outside the Library until after 4pm**. Before 4pm students need to catch it from 9 Corners (by the old brewery) or from the bus stop by The Stag public house.

\*Prices correct as of July 2011