



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to learn that the local authority and the governors can offer your child a place at our wonderful school. I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome you to The Kimberley School. Your child is joining one of the highest performing schools in Nottinghamshire and I am sure that they will thrive academically and socially in their time with us.

You will also be aware that we are a founding member of the East Midlands Education Trust. This means that your child will benefit from the superb provision at Kimberley as well as the very best expertise that the other schools have to offer.

Please note you are required to confirm acceptance of this offer of a place to the Local Authority within 14 days. Failure to confirm your place by the given date may result in the place being withdrawn and offered to another child.

School Website

You will find it useful to visit the [Year 6 Transition](#) page of the school website. At the moment all of the information on there relates to students who joined us in September 2021. We will update this later in the year so the information is up to date and accurate for students who will be joining us in September 2022. In the mean time the information that is on there will hopefully enable you and your child to start to prepare for joining us later this year. I would also encourage you to look at take a look at our website which will help you find out more about how our great school works.

Contact Details and Important Information

As you can appreciate as a school we require important information from you, so that we know the best method of contact to use to contact you. As we start to plan for September we will also need to know if your child has any needs that we should be aware of. In order to collect this information, we will contact you through the email address that you shared with the Local Authority when you made the application for a school place

If you have a more up to date email address or additional email addresses that you would like us to use, then please let us know this by emailing our data team as soon as possible at data@kimberleyschool.co.uk and tell us your child's name and their current primary school. We will not share this information with anyone else.

All of our communication is by email, so please do check for emails from the school in the coming months as this is how we will keep you in touch with the transition process.

Transition Events

Your child will attend Induction Days at the Kimberley School on Thursday 7th July and Friday 8th July from 8:50 am to 2:50 pm. Students should meet in the Hall at the front of the school at the start of each day.

We do know that children from Awsworth and Larkfield Junior Primary Schools are unable to attend on these dates and will be attending on different days. Primary schools will communicate the dates and arrangements for these visits to Kimberley School.

There may be some students who will benefit from additional transition activities during the summer term. This may be the case if your child has a special educational need, disability or is highly anxious about the move to secondary school. If this is the case, then your child's primary school will alert us to this and we will then work with you and the school to put this in place.

Induction Evening

Induction Evening for parents/carers will be Thursday 7th July and start at 5:30 pm if national restrictions allow. If not, then we will run this event online. This event is for parents and carers only. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's year performance leader, as well as other key staff. If you already have children with us it is still worth attending as every year we issue new guidance and information.

Uniform Sales Days

We will be holding two uniform sales in school, where you will be able to purchase the full range of school uniform. We will contact you later in the year to tell you when these will run. In the meantime, you can access full information about the school uniform on our [website](#)

Please note: All students wear a tie which has House colours incorporated into the design. We will write to you in June with the House that your child has been placed in. Until then, please do not purchase a tie for your child.

Tutor Groups

During the coming months, we will work to allocate your child to a tutor group. Our experience tells us that this can be one of the most problematic aspects of the transition and I would like to take this opportunity to outline how we will do this.

The tutor group is the group in which the students register and are taught some of their lessons. In many lessons, the students are mixed with others from across the year group – for instance in core subjects where students are grouped by ability, and in practical lessons where group sizes are smaller for health and safety reasons.

Our priority is to place students into tutor groups where they will work best. It is important to note that this may not necessarily be with all of their friends. Indeed, experience shows us children integrate more efficiently into school if they are mixed up a little and make new friends. We have a common approach to information sharing with our family of primary schools, one element of this is the teacher's professional opinion on who works well together and who, in their opinion, should be kept apart if at all possible.

It is our experience that this information on working relationships is most useful if it comes from the schools who have worked with the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 and so we do not directly consult parents or pupils on this. If you feel that there is any sensitive information for us to be aware of then please contact your primary school who will share this with us as they feel appropriate.

Finally, we do understand what a challenging time this has been for all students, especially those who are in Year 6 and are starting to prepare for the move to secondary school. Please do be reassured that our priority is to ensure that your child is well prepared to join us in September so that they can make a seamless social and academic transition to the next phase in their education. In

these uncertain times you can be reassured that we will be able to draw on the expertise across Kimberley School to ensure that your child is set up for success when they join us later this year.

I hope you find this information helpful but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school reception. We are looking forward to working with you in the coming years.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A George', written in a cursive style.

Andrew George
Head Teacher
The Kimberley School