



Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6

I do hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am delighted that your children will be joining us in Year 7 in September. Our priority during the remainder of this term is to ensure that everything is in place to enable your child to enjoy school and be successful when they join us in September 2021. I thought you might find it helpful to understand the work that our pastoral teams will be doing in the coming months to achieve this:

- Our Learning Support Team are already in contact with SENCOs and are putting together transition plans for students with a special educational need or disability who they identify as needing additional support in place to support their transition.
- After half term our pastoral teams will be visiting each of our family primary schools:
 - The Year 7 Performance Leader, Mr Tuck, and the Year 7 Student Support Assistant, Miss Levett, will be meeting the Year 6 teacher in order to ensure that they have all the information that they need about each individual child.
 - Mr Knapczyk, Assistant Head Teacher, will meet the Year 6 students and will talk to them about life at Kimberley. He will also answer any questions they have about the school.
- Our pastoral teams will contact schools that are not within our family of primary schools and will discuss with them any additional support that needs to be put in place to support students' transition.
- The latest government guidance allows us to welcome students into school for transition events. **This means that our induction is to go ahead and invite all students joining us in Year 7 in September 2021 to two induction days on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th July.** The government guidance sets out that we should plan the day in line with the Covid-19 control measures that we have in place with the school. We will be in touch with you with more details about arrangements for the days and the control measures that we will put in place nearer the time.
- **Parents are also invited to attend an "Induction Evening" that will start at 5 pm on Thursday 8th July.** This evening is for parents and carers only and we would ask you, if possible, to make alternative arrangements to enable you to attend this without your children. This evening will be conducted in line with the control measures that are in place at the time. **At this stage, we are not able to say if it will be possible to invite parents in to school or if we will be running the evening online.** Please do make a note of the date and time and, again, we will be in touch with you nearer the time with more details on how it will work.
- Later in the school term, we will be in touch with you via email to complete a series of administrative tasks that need to be done before your child starts with us in September. This will include collecting confidential data, arrangements for purchasing school uniform, seeking consent in line with GDPR regulations, and setting you up on our online "Parent Pay" system. If we do not hold an up to date email address for you then please contact data@kimberleyschool.co.uk

- Our pastoral teams will also be working to place students into tutor groups from September. 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 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, 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.
- In the next two weeks, we will be updating the Year 6 Transition page of the school website to ensure it provides you with the up to date information you will need to prepare you and your child for September. Hopefully, you will find this a useful "one-stop" source for you to refer to if you have questions about your child starting at Kimberley in September.

I am looking forward to meeting you all on the 8th of July, face-to-face or online.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew George

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

Head Teacher