



# Kingswood School Solihull

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# KINGSWOOD SCHOOL SOLIHULL

Dear Parent

I hope this brief introduction to Kingswood helps you gain some idea of what has become known as the "Kingswood experience". Although our website [www.kingswoodschool.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodschool.co.uk) is being updated regularly and can answer some of your questions, there is no real substitute for a visit during the school day or on an Open Day when we can meet, show you the school and discuss your specific needs.

The Staff and Governors provide professional support and the Parents' Association join us as we continue to uphold the school's strong tradition of high expectations for individual pupils in its care.

We are proud of the "Kingswood experience" bringing success to our pupils in their progression to local schools such as:

***Priory School, St George's, Bablake, Camp Hill, Stratford Grammer, Solihull School, Tudor Grange, Alderbrook, Edgbaston High School for Girls, King Edward VI High School for Girls, Kings High School (Warwick), King Edward's School (Edgbaston)***

With best wishes

*Michelle Beer*

Principal

**From the Ofsted report conducted by  
Her Majesty's Inspectors, April 2022**

*"Pupils achieve highly because teachers match the curriculum carefully to their needs. Teachers provide quick feedback to pupils, shaping and adapting tasks if they identify any misconceptions. Pupils receive regular homework that embeds and extends learning. Staff have made increased use of online platforms to share work with parents and carers, as well as celebrate successes in school."*

*"Pupils are safe and happy at Kingswood School. Pupils enjoy being part of a diverse community of people from all over the world. They build positive and respectful relationships with their teachers and peers. Pupils develop resilience and become confident in all aspects of school life."*

*"Leaders and staff have high expectations of pupils. Learning is not limited, and every pupil is supported to achieve exceptionally well. Pupils enjoy their learning, and the oldest pupils say they 'would be sad to leave' the school."*





## WELCOME!

*With small classes, an enviable ratio of qualified staff to pupils, links with the Dyslexia Institute, National Association of Gifted Children, the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, the English Speaking Board and other schools in the group, Kingswood is well placed to respond to the educational needs of a wide range of academic ability and potential. Opportunities are provided for all to take part in the performing arts, team games and public speaking. Children learn to present themselves well through sporting, social and cultural activities. These activities are essential ingredients of the "Kingswood experience".*

*We have high hopes for all our pupils and do our best to make sure they leave us as accomplished and caring persons who value themselves and others and are happy and confident to take on the many academic, personal and social challenges which they will undoubtedly encounter as they get older. We therefore foster consideration for others, good manners and opportunities for service both in and out of school.*

*We employ specialist teachers for Sport, Music, Drama and Ballet and our Special Needs Co-ordinator uses all available expertise to include and help all children who clearly have tremendous potential to achieve success. We value a blend of traditional and modern teaching styles responding to children's needs and expect all pupils to take advantage of the continuous educational opportunities the school provides from the Nursery to leaving at the age of eleven. The importance of good examination results is recognised and thorough preparation is given without confining the curriculum to these needs alone. The school has an excellent record of examination successes and most children are destined to enter leading independent or grammar schools.*

*The Kingswood experience is characterised by the intrinsic belief in the importance of moral and spiritual education as well as the personal and social development of each child. We have an inclusive attitude towards all pupils and welcome children of all faiths providing they are not restricted in any way from participating fully in the life of the school. We work in partnership with parents and enjoy close links with families and past pupils.*

*I hope that it has been possible to convey something of what Kingswood stands for and how we can achieve the best for your child.*

**EXTRA TUITION AND LEARNING SUPPORT.**

**SPECIALIST TEACHING... PE... GAMES... DRAMA... MUSIC**



# GENERAL ROUTINE

## NURSERY

*Children are admitted when aged 3 years and attend until they are 4 years old for a minimum of 3 sessions per week which includes a hot lunch and morning refreshments.*

Morning Session	8:45am to 12:30pm
Afternoon Session	11:45am to 3:30pm

## FOUNDATION STAGE (Reception)

8:45am to 3:30pm

## INFANTS (Years 1 and 2)

8:45am to 3:30pm

## JUNIORS (Years 3 and 4)

8:45am to 3:45pm

## SENIORS (Years 5 and 6)

8:45am to 3:45pm

*The main entrance is opened at 8:45am and children are met by their teachers and registered at 8:50am when the front door is locked. Assemblies and lessons commence at 9:00am.*

## OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE

Before School	8:00am to 8:45am
After School	3:30pm to 4:30pm
Extra Hours	4:30pm to 5:30pm (Monday to Friday)

- Out-of-school care and Extra-curricular clubs are available to parents who make prior arrangements.
- School finishes at 3:00pm on Fridays, and at 12noon on the last day of each term.
- Refreshments are provided during the day. Confectionery and chewing gum are not permitted in school.
- Lunchtime is an important part of the school day and all children are served hot lunches.



# STAFF LIST

## TEACHING STAFF

### Principal

Ms. Michelle Beech  
B.Sc Hons. (London), PGCE (London)

### Assistant Head Teacher Upper School

Mrs M Barlow BEd. (Hons)

### Assistant Head Teacher Lower School

Mrs A Kenyon BA (Hons.)

### Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Mrs S Sheikh MEd.

### Reception and Nursery Class Teacher

Mrs A Tofeeq BA (Hons.) Early Years

### Class Teachers

Arija Salam BA (Hons)

Mr S Shipton MA (Hons)

Mr C Kavanagh BSc (Hons)

### Specialist Teaching Staff

Dyslexia Teacher - Louise Baudet BEd (Hons)

Occupational Therapist - Louise Baudet

Speech Therapist - Shirley Heatherington

French Teacher - Mrs R Craveiro

### Assistant Head/SENCo

Mrs M Barlow B.Ed Hons (Birmingham)

### Assistant Head/EYFS Lead

Mrs J Wells B.Ed Hons (Nottingham)

Mrs M Beech B.Ed Hons (Liverpool)

Mr C Kavanagh B.Sc Hons (Bangor), PGCE (Bangor)

Mrs A Kenyon B.A. Hons (Birmingham),  
PGCE (Wolverhampton),  
Diploma in Primary Education

Mr S Shipton M.A. Hons (Edinburgh), PGCE

Mrs S Yunis B.A. Hons (UCE) PGCE (Keele)

Mme R Craveiro (French Teacher)

### Learning Support Staff - Key Stage 1

Miss K Benmuli

Mrs R Shoker

### Learning Support Staff - Key Stage 2

Mrs R Shoker

Mrs A Singh

Mrs M Bhamra

Miss S Randle

Mrs Coghlan

### Teaching/Learning Support Staff Assts.

Mrs L Palmer B.ED Hons (Worcester)

Mrs J Longstaff NVQ 3

Mrs M Bhamra Level 5 Foundation Degree in  
Support & Learning

Mrs J Coghlan HLTA, Early Years Foundation  
Degree.

Mrs R Shoker NCFE Level 3 - Teaching Assistant

### Additional Support Staff

Mrs S Collin

Mrs D Adkins

### Teachers of Music & Dance

Modern Dance - Mrs S Collin

Piano - Mrs H Thomas

Guitar - Mr Watson

Choir - Mrs Watson

### Administrative Staff

School Bursar & Secretary - Mrs J Blake

SEN Support - Mrs L Luckham

### Catering Staff

Head of Catering - Mrs E Donnelly

Kitchen Assistant - Mrs K Collins

### Caretaking Staff

Caretaker/Cleaner - Mr D Kelly

Caretaker/Cleaner - Mrs N Kewen

### Chair of Governor

Squadron Leader - Robert J. Luckham

BSc (Hons), RAF (RET'D)



# ADMISSIONS and FEES

## Fees from January 2025

### REGISTRATION

An admission pack contains registration forms, a parent-school contract stating standard terms and conditions, a medical form, nursery grant application forms and a uniform list with an order form all of which should be completed before a pupil is admitted to the school. There is a registration fee of £100 which is non-refundable. This pack is available on request from the Headmaster's Secretary after an interview with parents and their child. A reduction of 5% per term is made for a pupil who has a brother or sister already in attendance.

### NURSERY

Full Day (8:45am - 3:30pm include lunch and refreshment)	<b>£49</b>
Half a Day Session (Including Lunch)	<b>£28</b>
Morning Session (8:45am - 12:30pm)	
Afternoon Session (11:45am - 3:30pm)	

All the above include lunch (morning sessions and full day also include morning refreshments).

### MAIN SCHOOL

Fees are termly (3 terms per year) and include Personal Accident Insurance, Morning Drink, Lunch, Speech and Drama Lessons, Stationery, Books and Swimming Lessons

Foundation Stage (Reception)	<b>£2882</b>
Infants (Years 1 and 2)	<b>£3030</b>
Juniors (Years 3 and 4)	<b>£3105</b>
Seniors (Years 5 and 6)	<b>£3235</b>

Fee Payment Schemes: Please contact the school bursar regarding our monthly payment option.

### EXTENDED DAY SUPERVISION

Before School	8:00am to 8:45am	£2.50 for each morning session
After School	3:30pm to 4:30pm	£2 per session*

\*For Afternoon sessions that are not booked in advance an additional charge may be incurred.

### EXTRA CHARGES

Monday to Thursday (3.30pm until 5pm)	<b>£8.00</b>
Monday to Thursday (3.30pm until 5:30pm)	<b>£10.00</b>
Friday (3.30pm until 5pm)	<b>£8.00</b>
(3.30pm until 5:30pm)	<b>£10.00</b>

### LEARNING SUPPORT

This is available for exam preparation and learning difficulties £30 per hour.

### MUSIC

Individual or group tuition for piano and guitar are by arrangement with tutors.



# FURTHER INFORMATION

## **HOMEWORK, ACADEMIC PROGRESS and COMMUNICATION**

Assignments to be done at home are recorded in homework diaries which parents are asked to sign. Messages are also sent and received using the diary. Assessment in all subjects is continuous and parents receive a detailed subject report at the end of the school year. Termly parents' consultation evenings are held and teachers are available to meet parents at mutually convenient times by appointment.

## **CURRICULUM**

We use the National Curriculum framework as a guide for our teaching throughout the School from Year 1 to Year 6. In the Foundation Stage we use the Statutory EYFS Framework which covers the following Prime and Specific areas of learning and developments:

### **Prime Areas**

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

### **Specific Areas**

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

## **HOUSE SYSTEM**

The House system promotes team work and friendly respect through competitions. On leaving the Nursery pupils are placed in either Brooks (blue), Marsden (maroon) or Creswell (green) House. As well as the usual sports and other inter-house activities pupils are awarded points for good work or deeds and these are added up during the year to decide which House wins the Inter House Shield.

## **ASSEMBLIES and SERVICES**

Regular assemblies take place each week. Once a term, each class will present a Friday afternoon assembly to which their parents and families will be invited. Regular services are held in St James' Church which pupils either conduct or contribute to.

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

Individual instrumental lessons can be arranged for children in school and all children have a lesson in Speech and Drama every week. Dance lessons are also available to all pupils.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

All children are encouraged to join the clubs which the school offers. These include clubs for: football, dance, examination preparation, junior sports, athletics and tennis.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM and EQUIPMENT**

All pupils are required to wear school uniform in school and at all school events unless otherwise directed. This is available directly from the school's uniform shop. The list for Nursery and Main School, including items for Games and P.E. along with order forms, are obtainable from the Headmaster's Secretary. The Parents Association runs a used uniform shop and details are available on request.

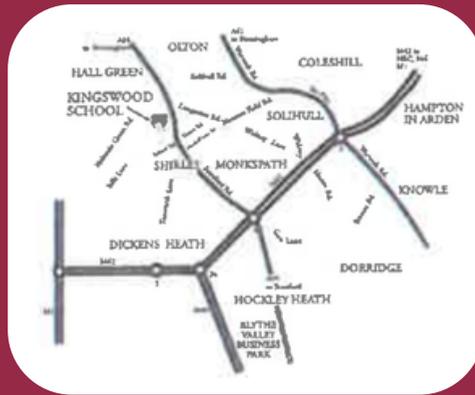
## **POLICIES**

School policies including Health and Safety and Child Protection policies are available for inspection in School on request.



# Kingswood School Solihull General Information

Kingswood occupies Victorian school buildings in a quiet cul-de-sac behind the church of St. James the Great in Shirley and uses the adjacent halls of the Shirley Institute and school playing field. It is easily accessible from all parts of Birmingham, Solihull and the M42 motorway,



## **Patron**

*Lord Rupert Redesdale*

## **Chair of Governors**

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