We are receiving a number of the same questions regarding the test day arrangements and, although we are happy to help as much as possible, I am sure you will all appreciate that we are extremely busy at the moment and unable to deal with each query individually. Therefore we have put together a number of the most common questions and provided you with the answers below.

These Q&As will be updated as and when we receive more queries. Please check these before contacting the school with your questions.

However, if your query is not on the list please telephone 0118 9015859 and speak to the Receptionist who triage your call.

If your child is part of our Widening Horizons initiative and you have any questions, please contact Amanda Emberson-Powney in the normal way.

Kind regards

Mrs Amanda Emberson-Powney
PA to the Headteacher/Admissions Officer

We will also not acknowledge the change.

# Kendrick School Admission Tests for Entry into Year 7 in September 2023 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers (FAQs)

# **TEST DAY ARRANGEMENTS** I have not yet received my test day instructions. What do I do? The test day instructions were sent by email on 13th July 2022. Please first check your spam/junk folder. If you still cannot find the email, please log into your personal area via this link. This will let you know which session your child is sitting at. The generic instructions for each of these session can be found on our website via the links below: **SESSION 1 SESSION 2 SESSION 3** Q Is there parking available on the school site on the day of the tests? No. Please do not park or drop off in East Street or on the London Road. The police may, and members of school staff will be patrolling the area and will move you on which could mean your child is late for the test. Please find a suitable place to park and walk to the school. What should my child wear on the test day? Your child should wear something comfortable; this does not have to be school uniform. Please remember that you and your child will be waiting outside the school before registration begins so you should both dress appropriately for the weather. Q | Can I change my session time? It is not possible to change the session time. **REGISTRATION FORM** Where can I find the Registration Form? The link to the Registration Form can be found in your personal portal area here The date of birth and/or primary school is incorrect on my child's registration form. How can I correct this information? Please do not return this registration form to Kendrick School but ensure your child brings it with her on the

day of the test. All the information on the registration form is provided by the parent/carer when completing the application form. However, if there are any errors on the form please clearly amend the error on the form itself. Please note that we will update our internal records but a new registration form will not be issued.

- Q | Please can you send me an updated registration form?
- A Unfortunately not. Please see the information below.
- Q | Can I print the registration form in black and white?
- A Yes. Black and white is fine.
- Q My child is home schooled. How do I complete the registration form?
- A If your child is home schooled, please leave the section to be completed by the primary school blank and attach a copy of your child's passport/photo ID to the registration form.

### **CHANGES/AMENDMENTS TO CHILD'S DETAILS**

- Q My home address has changed. How do I update you with the new address?
- A If you have moved into the designated area or changed priority area, we will require documentation to confirm the move. However, at this stage of the application process we will not be reviewing change of addresses and documentation until we have received the results. You can update the address via this <u>link</u> and we will contact you if your child achieves the qualifying score.

Please note we are very stringent in our checking of address changes and will require a number of documents to confirm the move. We may also ask the Local Authority to make checks on our behalf which can involve home visits.

- Q My child has changed primary school. What do I do?
- A If your child's primary school is different from on the registration form, please manually make the change on the registration form (see question above). Her new school should sign the registration form if possible especially if your home address has changed.

## SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS/MEDICATION

- Q My daughter needs special arrangements for the test. Do I need to you let know?
- A Yes urgently! We need to know if your child needs special arrangements made for the test. This also includes letting us know if your child has any medical needs such as asthma or allergies. Treat the test as if your child was going on a school trip and let us know any relevant information that is important for their health and well-being.
- Q My child needs to bring medication to the test day with her and I have already advised you on the application form that this is the case.
- A If you have already told us your child needs to bring medication with her to the test, they should bring it along on the test day in a see –through bag clearly named. The medication will stay with the child at all times.

#### ITEMS TO BRING/NOT TO BRING TO THE TEST DAY

- Q Can my child bring a watch with her to the test?
  - No. Your child **cannot** bring the following items to the test:
    - A large bag. All the items should be brought in a clear plastic bag
    - Dictionaries, rulers, calculators, scrap paper, protractors, stop watches, any electronic devices, or study notes.
    - Wrist watches/digital watches must NOT be worn. Clocks are clearly displayed in all of the exam rooms.
    - Mobile phones must NOT be brought into the examination room. There is no provision for mobile phones to be looked after by a member of staff whilst the examinations are taking place.

#### WIDENING HORIZONS

- **Q** What is the Widening Horizons Initiative?
- A Students who are in receipt of pupil premium/service premium or is a child in care or previously in care have been invited to take part in familiarisation sessions taking place at Kendrick School and are receiving a free online familiarisation resource. All these applicants have been contacted by Kendrick School.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, or has been in receipt of pupil premium over the last five years, is in receipt of service premium (children of UK armed forces personnel) or is a child in care or previously in care and you did not include this on your application form, please contact <a href="mailto:admissions@kendrick.reading.sch.uk">admissions@kendrick.reading.sch.uk</a> as soon as possible.