



Additional information about the Schools – Respect Collaboration – September 2023

The collection of schools commonly known in Derby City as Kingsmead and Newton's Walk has gone through a significant amount of change over the past 5 years. This has led to leaders, governors and the Local Authority re-designing our whole system of schools.

In 2018 our integrated PRU and Special School decoupled, creating Kingsmead School (Special School) and The Kingsmead School (PRU). Our Hospital provision has always been attached to the PRU School, and Newton's Walk remained as a Primary PRU.

As in all schools, COVID was an incredibly challenging time. This has led to our cohort of children drastically changing as we saw a dramatic decrease in permanent exclusions in both the primary and secondary phases and a rapid increase in the number of children coming to our special school.

To meet rising and evolving demand, leaders took the decision to re-design and re-organise our schools and their respective curriculum offers. We merged and reorganised to make a KS2/KS4 PRU, a KS3/4 PRU (which is able to admit a significant number of children with an EHCP) and widen our age ranges for our existing SEMH special school.

In March 2023, we formally re-aligned our DfE numbers and began a consultation to change the school names. As a result, the following has been agreed:

- Kingsmead School - a Special School for KS2-KS5 young people
- Bridge Street School - a KS2-4 PRU
- Castle School - a KS3/4 PRU but admit up to 75% of planned cohort for children with an EHCP and include hospital education.

These schools work cooperatively as the **RESPECT Collaboration of Schools**.

Additionally, we provide a range of Alternative Education Provisions and services to the city (under the name Junction 16). In the past academic year we have enhanced our alternative curriculum offer and moved from offering a successful Hair and Beauty provision, to now offering an Outdoor Education and Construction from bespoke sites within Derby

Furthermore, the collaboration offers a variety of other services including the Enhancing Family Success Project to primary schools and an SEMH advisory service for schools in Derby City.

We are unique set of schools that serve a diverse demographic of pupils alongside providing school to school support within the sector. For this reason we recommend you visit our school(s) or talk to one of our leaders. Our context is not only evolving and changing, it is also growing. We have recently been commissioned for a number of extra places across our schools and we have two major building projects being carried out. We know we have some exciting but challenging times ahead!

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