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Boarding at QMH, King Edward's Witley - Parent Q&A for Barrow Hills Pupils in Year 7-8:

| Booking:

How do I make a booking request?

Parents can request booking online, via a simple [Google form](#). Once the form is completed, our Registrar will be in touch to confirm the booking details. Bookings are subject to availability and are not confirmed until you receive email confirmation from the Registrar.

What is the minimum number of nights I can sign my child up for each week/ each term?

We can be flexible. Our flexi-boarding approach means that you can book your child to stay with us on a regular basis, or for one night as a "sleepover".

How much notice do I have to give if I want my child to stay at QMH for the night?

We ask for at least 48 hours prior notice, as we will need to sort sleeping arrangements/bedding and transport.

How much does boarding cost per night?

We charge £80.40/ night including evening meal and breakfast. The cost will be added to your termly bill.

Can my child board/ stay over the weekend if needed?

At present, we are offering flexi-boarding during the week only (Monday – Thursday evenings).

How will my child travel between Barrow Hills and King Edward's Witley (KESW)?

We will transport children from Barrow Hills in the evening and back in the morning via our mini-buses.

| Logistics

What will boarders need to bring with them if staying for the night vs. what will the school provide?

Children will need to provide their pyjamas, washbag, uniform and PE kit for next day, home clothes (optional), a padlock, books and other personal items. We'll provide bedding and a towel.

Will they always stay in the same dorm/ bed if they are flexi boarding?

Where possible we'll keep them in the same dormitory for repeat stays, but it will depend on availability.

If flexi-boarding, will they be able to leave any belongings in a safe place/ locker?

Yes - they will have a lockable cupboard in their dorm and should bring a padlock. High value items/ technology can be left in Matron's office.



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Do children get a choice on who is in their dorm or do the school allocate?

Children will be offered a choice, although it may not always be possible to fulfil these requests.

Can my child bring food or snacks from home?

Yes, however no foods containing nuts will be allowed as both Barrow Hills and King Edward's Witley are nut free sites.

How will you ensure that updates are shared between the schools (e.g. a change in health or family situation)?

We will do full handovers between the schools at the start/ end of the day, sharing any key updates.

Who do parents contact when their child is boarding at QMH?

Parents should call the QMH duty phone (07508 325 352).

How do catering staff at KESW know about Barrow Hills children's allergies?

We will do full handovers, including all allergies and medications, between the two schools before a child starts boarding.

| Life in Queen Mary House (QMH):

What is the average dormitory size?

We usually have 5-6 beds in a dorm, although not all beds will be taken. If requested, we can organise a quieter/ smaller dorm for your child.

What would a typical evening look like at QMH?

- 6 PM – Children travel from Barrow Hills to KESW Reception
- 6.15 PM - Supper
- 6.45-7.15 - Prep time
- 7.15-8.30 PM - Free time/ House activity
- 8.30-8.45 PM - Ready for bed
- 8.45-9.00 PM - Quiet time
- 9.00 PM - Lights out

What does the morning routine look like?

- 6.40 AM – Children wake
- 7.20 AM - Roll-call and Breakfast
- 8 AM – Travel to Barrow Hills

What pastoral care/ teachers are on site and what is the staff/ children ratio?

We will always have a Housemaster, Assistant Housemistress, Matron and Resident staff on site in the boarding house.

Will there be a matron in the boarding house or are house staff all medically trained?

We have a Matron on site at all times, and all staff are trained in first aid.



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What activities will be available to boarders at QMH?

We will put on evening activities each week, which will vary depending on the staff on duty and the time of year.

How do Housemasters ensure that children get a good night's sleep/ aren't kept up by other students?

We will monitor the dorms/ boarders' behaviour to ensure they all get a good night's sleep. Children are all aware of where to find an adult during the night.

What happens if my child is unwell in the night?

Children are all aware of where to find an adult during the night. We will manage illness appropriately, according to its severity. In mild cases they'll go to bed in the House, if needed we'll stay up with them or call the parents to collect them and, where necessary, we will take them to hospital.

In what instances would you contact parents vs. manage within the boarding house - e.g. if a child is upset, homesick e.t.c?

We will manage this on a case-by-case basis. They will be able to use their phones/ phone home during their free time.

If my child is the only Barrow Hills boarder, will they be buddied up with a King Edward's student?

We will make sure that all Barrow Hills boarders are welcomed into QMH, introduced to the other children, and given a buddy to help them settle in.

Are mobile phones or other electronic devices/ laptops allowed?

With parental permission, children are allowed phones in the House but they can only use them during free time and they are locked away overnight/ not allowed in their dorms.

Do they change into home clothes in the evening or is it uniform all day?

They have the option to change if they want to, but many will stay in uniform.

If my child takes medication, how will this be safely transported and administered between the school sites?

King Edward's Witley will have supplies of commonly required medications. Controlled medications will be provided in advance by parents, clearly labelled in the original packaging, and handed over with the pupils at drop-off/ collection in a secure way.

Will my child only have access to QMH or the broader King Edward's site?

Barrow Hills boarders will have full access to the QMH site and will be based there in the evenings. If children are accessing the wider school facilities, they'll be accompanied by a member of staff.