

OPENING UP ABOUT LIFE AS A BUSY MUM OF TWO

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KIMBERLEY WALSH TELLS OK!'S KATIE LANGFORD-FOSTER ABOUT LIVING WITH BOYS, EXPANDING HER FAMILY AND HER PLANS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Kimberley Walsh is well and truly outnumbered in her household. Mum to sons Bobby, three, and 14-month-old Cole, the former *Strictly Come Dancing* star tied the knot with their father Justin Scott in Barbados in 2016. And though she has her work cut out with her boys, the trio are sure to spoil her this Mother's Day – but Kimberley admits: 'All I really want is a lie-in and breakfast in bed!'

The former *Girls Aloud* star does have a female ally in the form of Chloe, Justin's teenage daughter from a previous relationship, who is currently staying with them for a couple of weeks. She laughs: 'It's so nice to have another woman in the house!'

And Kimberley, 36, is also still close to her former band mate Cheryl Tweedy, whose son Bear turns one this month. The star recently revealed: 'Cheryl comes to me for advice – all mums ask each other for advice and share stories about their babies. The boys get on so well – little Bear is just kind of in awe of Bobby.' And with Mother's Day approaching, she says of her pal: 'I hope she's spoilt – she's an amazing mum.'

As she teams up with Tesco to help the nation get Mother's Day right this year, here Kimberley tells OK! about her perfect Mothering Sunday and why she turns to her girlfriends for support...

It's been reported that a quarter of mums are disappointed on Mother's Day. What can the boys do to get it just right for you this year?

That's why I've joined Tesco and a team of mums to get the nation talking about it. For my Mother's Day, all I really want is a lie-in and breakfast in bed! I never expect gifts. Justin will normally get flowers, which is lovely. We'll get together as a family for a roast, so my mum, my sisters and me celebrate together. Justin won't manage to cook the entire roast but if he arranges it, he's halfway there!

What are Bobby and Cole like now?

It's lovely to see how much they love each other. But there are definitely moments when I'll turn my back for a second and Bobby will have Cole in a headlock. Cole is just absolutely in awe of Bobby. Bobby is very outgoing and confident. I think Cole is going to be



a little more reserved. I love the ages between one and three because they are still really innocent, but Bobby's like a teenager and does answer me back [laughs]!

How did you react when Bobby said *Girls Aloud*'s music was 'rubbish'?

He's so clever that he knew that it was my group when it came on. I was like: 'Oh do you like this?' Then just to try and get a reaction out of me, he said: 'No, I hate this, Mummy. I hate girls.' [Laughs] But he's not interested in any work that I do!

Are they going to follow in your musical footsteps?

I've not tried to push it on them at all, but they have definitely got it in them. Bobby is often like: 'Right, I'm doing a show!' That's exactly what I was like at his age, and he can sing in tune – I've checked already [laughs]! Cole has actually got real rhythm, too. I've also got three nephews so maybe they'll form their own little boy band!

Who do you go to for advice on motherhood?

My mum and my sister Sally, who has three boys. All my friends with kids, we're constantly texting each other because you just want that reassurance. All these things that you deal

with on a daily basis, it's nice to be able to ask each other. It makes a massive difference to have a lot of other mums in your life. I think becoming a mum changes you, the focus isn't on you any more, but I was ready for that challenge.



Above: Kimberley says she is 'totally outnumbered' at home. **Above left:** She usually gets flowers for Mother's Day. **Below:** With sisters Amy and Sally

Living in an all-boy household, how do you make sure you get girlie time?

I have actually planned a girlie spa night in a couple of weeks and I can't wait. But we always talk about our children, so I think we need to put some sort of ban on that while we're there! I love spending time with my girlfriends. We've got Justin's daughter staying with us for a few weeks, so it's been really nice to have another

woman in the house. I'm totally outnumbered and Bobby likes to tell me that!

You recently said you're not ready for another child. Do you see more in the future?

I definitely feel like I'd like more. I know that sounds crazy because I have got my hands full.

I just love being pregnant and I love babies, so I feel like I can't say that I'm done. But the age gap between Bobby and Cole was quite tough – now they are running around it's quite hard to keep track of them both. It will just be a while away.

How did you celebrate your second wedding anniversary in January?

We got to go away for the weekend! It's been quite hectic having the two kids and getting married, so we haven't got to spend much time doing things like that. The kids split the time between their grandparents. I was a bit nervous about being away from them but we had a lovely time. **OK!**

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