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'Learning and Growing Together; Living Life in all its Fullness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and all staff at St Wilfrid's, to wish you a very happy and restful summer break.

Looking ahead to September, I am delighted to continue in my role as Headteacher at St Wilfrid's as we begin a new academic year together. It remains a privilege to lead such a warm, nurturing and ambitious school community, where strong relationships, shared values and high expectations underpin everything we do.

As we move into the new academic year, we remain firmly focused on continuing to develop our provision in line with the Ofsted Education Inspection Framework, ensuring high-quality education, excellent behaviour and attitudes, strong personal development, and effective leadership at all levels. These priorities continue to guide our work and ensure that every child is supported to achieve and thrive.

As a Church school, our work is also deeply rooted in the SIAMS framework, with spiritual development and our Christian vision at the heart of school life. Through our core values of kindness, love, respect, faith, resilience and joy, we aim to create a school community where all pupils are supported to reflect, grow, and flourish spiritually, morally, socially and culturally.

To all our families - both those returning and those joining us for the first time - I extend a very warm welcome. For our new starters, we hope your time at St Wilfrid's will be filled with joy, encouragement and a lifelong love of learning. You are joining a school where children are at the heart of every decision and where we are committed to helping every child reach their full potential.

At St Wilfrid's, we know that strong partnerships between home and school are essential for every child's success. To begin the new term together, we are inviting you to a **'Welcome Back' tea and catch-up on Thursday 10th September from 3:00–3:30pm**, followed by a **'Meet the Teacher' drop-in session from 3:30–4:30pm**. This will be an opportunity to say hello, share information and strengthen the home-school partnership as we start the year.

This coming year, our key priorities remain firmly aligned with national expectations and include:

- Raising aspirations and outcomes for all pupils through high-quality teaching and learning
- Strengthening pupils' attitudes to learning, behaviour and engagement
- Promoting excellent attendance and punctuality so that every child can thrive
- Supporting emotional wellbeing and personal development across the school community

You will continue to receive regular updates to keep you informed about school life, events and key dates. In response to recent parent and carer feedback, we are also reviewing the volume of DOJO messages sent for non-essential information. Going forward, we will reduce admin-based communications from myself and the school office where possible and instead provide a weekly newsletter containing all key diary dates and the information you need in one place. While I always try my best, and aim for accuracy, please forgive me if the occasional typo appears. I also encourage you to visit our school website, which contains key information about our curriculum, policies, term dates and more.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, governors and PSA members for their unwavering commitment, care and professionalism. It is their work that ensures St Wilfrid's remains a school where children can flourish academically, personally and spiritually.

We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back in September. Let's make the 2026–2027 academic year a truly successful and memorable one.

Kind regards,



Lauren Cousin

Timings of the school day

Please ensure your child is in school for their start (8:45 am KS2 and 8:50 EYFS and KS1). Children should be in their classrooms and ready to start lessons promptly at these times.

- Foundation, Year 1 and 2 children line up on the top playground near their classrooms, where their teacher will collect them at 8.50 a.m. A member of staff will be on duty from 8:45 a.m.
- Year 3, 4, 5 can filter into their classrooms from 8:40am.
- Year 6 children may filter into their classroom from 8:30 a.m. via the Y6 door to begin their morning activities.

School finishes at 3:25 p.m. for KS2 and 3:30pm for EYFS and KS1. Parents may wait to collect children on the playground.

Please let the class teacher know if your upper key stage 2 child (year 5 and 6) has permission to walk home on their own.

Allergy Awareness

At St Wilfrid's, the health, safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is our highest priority. We are committed to creating an allergy-aware environment where every child can learn safely.

As part of our commitment to supporting children with allergies, we have introduced a whole-school Allergy Safety Policy in line with the latest Department for Education guidance. Our staff receive allergy awareness and emergency response training, and we have procedures in place to ensure pupils with allergies are supported both in school and on educational visits.

Nut-Free School

Please note that **St Wilfrid's is a nut-free school** due to severe allergies within our school community.

We kindly ask all parents and carers **not to send any nuts or nut products into school**, including:

- Peanuts and tree nuts
- Peanut butter or other nut spreads
- Nut-based cereal or snack bars
- Chocolate or confectionery containing nuts
- Cakes or biscuits containing nuts
- Foods labelled as "**may contain nuts**" or "**may contain traces of nuts**"

Reducing the number of nut products brought into school significantly helps to minimise the risk of accidental exposure for children with life-threatening allergies.

We also ask that children do not share food or drinks with one another.

If your child has been diagnosed with an allergy or there are any changes to their medical needs, please inform the school office as soon as possible so that we can update our records and ensure the appropriate support is in place.

Lunches and snacks

Children in classes F, 1 and 2 are provided with fruit for snack-time. Milk is free for children until they turn 5, it can then be ordered and paid for through the cool milk scheme.

Children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 may bring a healthy snack to eat at morning break time. Snacks should support healthy eating and help pupils stay focused throughout the school day.

We ask that snacks do not include chocolate, sweets, crisps or pastries. Instead, we suggest options such as a small piece of fruit, carrot sticks, breadsticks, a plain biscuit or cracker, or a piece of cheese.

See [website](#) for more details.

Learning and Curriculum

Staff have planned an exciting, broad and balanced curriculum for the new term. This will be sequential and build on the children's prior learning. Please be assured that when all the children are back we will be reviewing what challenge and support every student will need following informal base-line assessments in reading, writing and maths. At various points in the year, parents will be informed of what interventions (for both support and working at greater depth) their children receive.

Teachers will update their class pages and share their curriculum plans, so you know what the children will be learning. They will also inform you about forthcoming trips and visits as soon as possible.

Equipment in School

We allow pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 may bring a mobile phone or device that connects to the internet or receives messages only where there is a genuine need, such as travelling independently to and from school. Where this is the case, phones must be:

- switched off before entering the school site
- handed directly to the class teacher (or school office where applicable) on arrival
- stored securely throughout the school day
- collected at the end of the school day

The school operates as a mobile phone-free environment.

We also ask for your support with smart devices. Smart watches and similar devices that allow messaging, internet access, photography or notifications are not permitted in school. Basic time-only watches are allowed.

To support organisation and reduce unnecessary cost and complexity, all stationery is provided by the school, therefore pupils do not need to bring pencil cases or additional equipment.

Children should have a refillable, named water-bottle, for water only: no juice/fizzy drinks.

All play equipment is provided for playtime: please do not bring toys and footballs in from home.

Book-bags are available from Just-Schoolwear: due to cloakroom space we request that children in EYFS and KS1 use these to transport reading books and homework to and from school. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a small bag or rucksack instead.

Uniform

I believe we should take pride in how smart the children at St Wilfrid's look and therefore we expect everyone to wear full school uniform. This consists of

- Mid grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue shirt / blouse (long or short-sleeved) and school tie
- Mid grey v-necked jumper or cardigan with the school logo (purchased from Just-Schoolwear) or without. Unbranded grey alternatives are acceptable
- Black shoes with grey socks or tights.
- Hat for playtimes – non negotiable in the summer term.

Children may come to school wearing correct school PE kit on the day they have PE/Games. Your child's class teacher will let you know when that is. The PE uniform consists of:

- 'House' colour polo shirt
- Royal blue shorts or tracksuit
- Plimsolls or trainers.

* please note children need to bring a spare pair of 'outdoor' shoes to change into for general outdoor play and learning outdoors, especially in wet weather.

No 'branded' sports-wear or football kit is to be worn to school. If children wish to get changed into running clothes, dance clothes etc for after school clubs, they may bring this kit to get changed in to.

For safety and practical reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school. The only exception is one pair of stud earrings. Please remove earrings at home prior to PE and Games lessons.

Long hair should be tied back (to avoid spreading/catching nits) and nail varnish may not be worn.

See [website](#) for more details.

Travel to School Reminder

As a proud holder of the Gold Standard Sports Award, we actively encourage children and families to travel to school in healthy and sustainable ways, such as walking, cycling or scooting wherever possible. This links to our weekly Walk, Wheel, Win Award, which is presented every Friday alongside our attendance certificates. This award recognises the class with the highest number of pupils choosing active travel to school, helping to promote health, mental wellbeing and a greener environment. It is a great way to start and end the day, supporting both physical health and emotional wellbeing.

For safety, we kindly ask that all children wear helmets when cycling or scooting. Pupils should dismount when crossing with Heather, our wonderful lollipop lady, and scooters or bikes must not be ridden up or down the school driveway.

SClub

A gentle reminder that during SClub sessions, parents/carers are kindly asked to drop off and pick up only - not to remain on-site with their child. This is in line with our safeguarding policies, which are in place to ensure the safety and supervision of all children in our care.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us keep everyone safe.