

Happy new school year to everyone.

It's been lovely to see all the children and staff back in school and we've welcomed all our new starters into Reception class aswell.

COVID Precautions

As you'll be aware we are still taking precautions in school, to minimise the risk of infection spreading in school. We hope you will all continue to support us with this.

- Handwashing and sanitising is still a priority - entering the building and for staff and pupils throughout the day.
- We are still limiting the contact classes have across school.
- Visitors coming into school will be asked to wear a face covering while in the school building.
- We ask that parents on the school yard social distance when possible and we are still inviting people to wear masks.
- Please leave the school site promptly once you've picked up your children.
- Children will wear their PE kits on the day of their lesson or an after school sports club..
- Each child should have a water bottle in school - this should go home each night to be refilled.
- No large back packs, only book bags and lunchboxes if a child isn't on school dinners.

Managing Positive Cases

The advice around managing positive cases has changed on August 16th.

- Children and adults no longer need to self-isolate if someone in the household or someone they come into contact with tests positive. They are advised to get a test but if this is negative they do not need to isolate.
- We will no longer be sending home full classes if there are positive cases in school and school no longer needs to inform parents if we have positive cases in school.
- However if your child does come into contact with someone who tests positive we would ask you have them tested as an added precaution.
- If your child shows symptoms please keep them at home and get them a test as a precaution.
- If a child shows symptoms in school we will still contact parents and ask for them to be taken home and get a test.

Parent Governor

We still have a vacancy on our governing body for a Parent Governor. If you would like to know more about the role or are interested please contact Miss Sands

Absence

If your child is off school please contact school before the start of the school day either by phone, text or email stwilfrids@durhamlearning.net

Contact Details

It is essential we have up to date contact phone numbers and emails. If these change (even for a short time) please inform school.

Also please make sure you have access to Class Dojo as class and school information is shared on there.

Breakfast Club

We are still limiting the numbers at breakfast club. If you need a place for your child please contact the school office and they'll check we have space. It starts at **7.45am** and all children should arrive before **8.20am**.

Eco Team

This month we are introducing an 'Eco-Team' in school. The world we live in is precious and many things in modern life are damaging the environment. Pope Francis has asked our communities to do all we can to preserve God's creation and protect our world for future generations.

As part of raising awareness and 'doing our bit to help', our Eco-Team will be working in school to make it as 'earth friendly' as it can be.

At present we have a recycling station in the school hall - we are also collecting used batteries and small electrical items. If you have any items please send them into school.

Water Bottles

We ask that every child brings a water bottle to school each day. Linked to our Eco Team work please can we avoid buying prefilled bottles of water - wash and reuse the same bottle each day please.

Dinner Money

Children in Reception Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch.

School meals for Years 3-6 cost £2.15 per day therefore £10.75 for the week. We still take cash payments but ask you to use Parent Pay as it is the easiest way to pay. If you are not already signed up please contact the school office.

(Parent pay can also be used to pay for school trips and uniform)

School Uniform

YOUR CHILD'S NAME MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON ALL UNIFORM.

Parking Outside School

Please park at Coney Avenue and walk to school. Parking around the school entrance is very limited but never park over residents driveways.

Also please drive slowly when passing school - we've noticed some cars pulling away quickly and children do cross the road near the school gates. Please take care.

Each Month we'll include some Online Safety tips or information to help you keep your children safe online. This month information is on social media

Social media tips

internet
matters.org

Social networks are a great place for young people to stay in touch with friends and demonstrate their creativity. As a parent, there are simple things you can do to ensure your children's experience is both safe and fun.

 <p>1. Are they sharing inappropriate selfies? Discuss the reasons why they feel the need to share such images and the potential long-term impact this could have on them if the pictures are used without their consent.</p>	 <p>2. Do you feel they're spending too much time on social? Talk together so they understand your concerns. Agree house rules on when and how long they can go online and which sites they should visit.</p>
 <p>3. Are they sharing their location through apps? Make sure geo-location is disabled to keep their whereabouts private. Explain why it's important that they never share personal information with people they don't know online.</p>	 <p>4. Have they posted too much personal information? Talk to them about who they've shared the information with and assess the risk it poses to your child. You can also ask your child to remove the information from their account and help them understand how to share safely.</p>
 <p>5. Are they chatting to strangers online? Make sure your child understands that people may hide behind fake profiles for dishonest reasons and the person they've been chatting to could easily be someone with bad intentions.</p>	 <p>6. Are they gaming with strangers online? Playing games can be fun and positive but ensure your child understands people may hide behind fake profiles for dishonest reasons and learn how to block and report anything offensive.</p>
 <p>7. Do they have hundreds of followers? Explain that some people may not be who they say they are and tell your child how privacy settings can put them in control of who they talk to.</p>	 <p>8. Have they shared embarrassing images? Remind your child that these images are their personal digital footprint for years to come and advise them to use settings that only let them share with friends they know. If they're not comfortable wearing it on their T-shirt, they shouldn't put it online.</p>
 <p>9. Are they at risk of being cyberbullied? Stay calm, listen without judging and reassure your child that you can help. Discuss any action you may take together. Encourage them not to retaliate and to save any evidence.</p>	 <p>10. Do they know what they share online can hurt others? Talk together about peer pressure and how screens and anonymity can lead to behaviour that is hurtful. Remind them there's a fine line between sharing content because it's funny or might get lots of 'likes' versus the potential to cause offence or hurt.</p>
 <p>11. Have they been affected by content shared online? Encourage them to think about why friends may share certain posts. Show them how to gently challenge their friends if they find their content offensive. Remind them they can always talk to you about things happening online.</p>	 <p>12. Are they ready to share on social? Most social media apps have a minimum age rating of 13. If a social network has set an age limit it means that some of the content may not be suitable for a younger child.</p>

St Wilfrid's News

September 2021

St Wilfrid's School Term dates 2021-22																				
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	Bank Holiday	School closed to pupils
	PD Days	
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