

September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new term at St Wilfrid's. Our newly launched breakfast provision is proving popular with students who arrive on time and are able to take advantage of this sociable and settling way to start the school day.

We have also welcomed some new feathered friends into our sensory courtyard, Maisie and Helen have been joined by Daphne, Sheila, Boots, Sooty and Blackwell and only yesterday our 'Teddy' guinea pigs arrived and were treated to a smart new hutch. Fudge, Cocoa and Hershey will be working with our children in the near future as 'reading pigs'.

I have also included a reminder of our Safeguarding Team. Please note that one of our Deputy Designated Leads, Kim Collins, will be leaving us shortly to begin her maternity leave. Safeguarding matters should be directed to other members of the team during this time. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every luck as she embarks on parenthood and we look forward to meeting the new arrival in due course.

I would like to thank parents and carers who are ensuring that their children are attending in correct uniform. Unfortunately we do have a few students wearing trainers as opposed to the required black shoes. Trainers are not allowed and now that students have been given a little time to settle back into school life at SWA, from Monday 17th September school will operate zero tolerance on incorrect uniform, including the wearing of trainers and missing ties. Further uniform can be purchased online at <https://www.sptuniforms.co.uk/product-category/st-wilfrids-academy/>.

Can I also remind parents about our policy on mobile phones and other devices: the policy is enclosed for your information, along with a parental acknowledgement page to sign and return. Again, we will be vigorously implementing this policy and we thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in this.

A letter from our Education Welfare Officer, Gail Wilkinson, accompanies this mailing. New responsibilities and powers have been passed down from local government to Education Welfare Officers in schools to help ensure student attendance. You should read this letter carefully and understand your responsibilities in regard to your child's attendance. If you have any questions please contact Gail on the school telephone number.

Our Reception is manned from 8.00am to 3.00pm every day. Phone calls to school are actioned until 4.00pm each day after which time there is an answer phone for you to leave messages. If you intend to visit school after 3.00pm please telephone ahead to ensure someone is available to greet you.

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Your support is vital in helping the staff at St Wilfrid's to scaffold your child's education and to this end we are seeking to recruit parents/carers of our current students to our governing body. If you are interested in joining our Academy Advisory Board (AAB) please complete the enclosed nomination form and return to school as soon as possible. Our first AAB meeting of the year is due to take place in early October.

Once again I would like to thank you for your support of St Wilfrid's and look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Gilbert
Principal

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Mobile phone policy

Attendance Letter

Uniform reminder

Safeguarding team poster

Nomination form (AAB)