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Re: Attendance at school in September

Dear Parents and Carers

We cannot wait to welcome all of our wonderful children back to school in September. Attendance at school during the next academic year is going to be as important as ever. I can imagine that as parents you have many questions about your child returning to school. Please follow the link below to a school guidance document that will help you to understand how we are following all DFE guidance on the safe opening of our school to all children.

<http://www.stwilfridsnewman.co.uk/guidance-for-parents-and-children-to-promote-and-maintain-safer-working-practice-during-covid-19-september-2020/>

To support social distancing guidance there will be a staggered start and end time to the day for classes.

You will also find a new home/school parental agreement on the same section of the website. Please read this carefully. All parents will be asked to sign the agreement in September.

With attendance being so important from day 1, we are already thinking about how we are going to acknowledge children who have 100% attendance in the next academic year. So, in the summer term, all children who have 100% attendance throughout the whole year will be rewarded by going on a local trip. This will of course be carefully monitored and any child that has been unable to attend school due to possible COVID 19 (as contacted through the NHS track and trace system) or confirmed COVID will not miss out. Please follow the link below for the DFE guidance – the information is really useful.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Should you have any questions regarding attendance and the safe opening of our school to all children, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Lee.

We look forward to safely welcoming back.

Yours sincerely

Principal

