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Dear Mums, Dads & Carers

I hope you are enjoying the summer break with your children. I would like to thank you, your children and the staff for your hard work and understanding during the recent unprecedented times.

Our teachers have worked incredibly hard. As always we are keen to support transition and we have tried to compensate for the fact that teachers have not been able to meet your children. Information and a video introduction can be found on our website, please click the following link. <http://www.stwilfridsnewman.co.uk/transition-2/>

You will have received details for September regarding the staggered starts/end to the school day along with the Parental Guidance document which is on our website, please click the following link. <http://www.stwilfridsnewman.co.uk/guidance-for-parents-and-children-to-promote-and-maintain-safer-working-practice-during-covid-19-september-2020/> It is essential that you read this over the break. It is important that you turn up on time. Do not come early and do not come late. We will send you a reminder of this information again at the start of the new term. Also, we have a temporary home school agreement that everyone will be expected to sign. We expect this to be returned on the first day of the new term.

As a reminder, we expect full attendance in September. The government has clearly stated that fines of up to £120 will be issued to parents whose children fail to attend school. Your child simply cannot afford to miss this invaluable time of their education. If you would like to discuss any anxieties regarding your child's return, please contact the school office where we will arrange for someone to be in touch. As you know we are passionate about attendance in school. Of course, if you have to self-isolate due to Covid-19 symptoms you will be doing the right thing and so absence due to these reasons will be authorised.

Although it seems to be a long way away, I wanted to revisit expectations regarding uniform and hairstyles.

Uniform – correct uniform should be worn at all times. Boys – White Shirt, Grey Trousers, School Tie & Jumper, grey socks and Black Shoes(NO Boots or Trainers). Girls – White Shirt, Grey Skirt, Grey School Trouser (NOT leggings or Jersey) or Pinafore, School Tie & Jumper, grey or white socks, Black Shoes.

Hair Styles – Long hair (shoulder length and longer) should be tied back. Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines, hair should be uniform in length therefore should not be shaved at the sides and long on the top. No large hair accessories should be worn.

PE Kit - Blue St Wilfrid's PE Top and Blue or Black shorts and black pumps with an optional maroon hoodie with school logo. Please ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name on it. Long hair should be tied up.

Water Bottles – All children must bring their own filled water bottles to school.

Earrings – children are not allowed to wear earrings in school under any circumstance. If you would like to have your child’s ears pierced then we would suggest you do this at the start of the 6 week holiday. Should your child come to school in earrings then you will be asked to come in to school to remove them.

Mobile phones – are not allowed to be used on or in the school premises by parents/carers or children at all times. Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school.

Dinner Money, Nursery Fees, Before School Clubs and After School clubs must be paid for in advance. Please ensure that these are paid for online which can be accessed via the St Wilfrid’s website – we ask that you support this as we will have no choice but to withdraw the use of these facilities/activities if you have arrears.

Appointments – when your child has an appointment, such as medical, dental, you must provide evidence. We will sign your child out to avoid cross contamination and will sign your child back in when they return. We do encourage appointments outside of school where at all possible.

Sickness Absence – please contact the school office before 10.00am to report your child’s absence – we will also need accurate information as to why your child is absent.

Dogs – are not allowed on the school premises at any time with the exception of guide dogs.

Safety – help us to keep your children safe on the school premises by not allowing them to climb on walls, ride their bike/scooter, wear heelies or roller skates/blades.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office

Once again, thank you also for all of the work that you have done to support your child’s learning at home.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely



Miss D Lee
Principal

