



As we near the end of the half term, we are looking forward to the opportunities the easing of lockdown continues to offer. Although we cannot plan for some of our 'normal' summer activities due to the restrictions and the continuing uncertainty about what restrictions may remain in place for gatherings of people from June 21st, we are trying to plan for some opportunities for the wider school community to come and join some outdoor events and will update you as soon as we can.

From **Monday 7th June**, the wearing of masks by parents/carers at drop off and pick up will now be **optional**. We will still expect everyone to be socially distanced in accordance with government guidelines and staff will keep 2m distance and/or wear a mask when talking to you outside.

Thank you all for your continued support.



**May 2021**



### The **BIG Ask**

The Children's commissioner has launched the [BIG ASK](#), a survey for parents/carers and children to complete and help shape the future for children in the UK. Click on the link above and share your opinions **before Friday**.

### Staffing update

I am sorry to say we will be saying goodbye to Miss Neil at the end of the academic year as she leaves us to (hopefully) travel the world. We will be very sad to see her go and wish her every success in the future.

Also, we are delighted for Miss Ingall who is expecting her second child and will be going on maternity leave in September.

Therefore, we are currently advertising for Miss Neil's post and for maternity cover for next year.



### University of Brighton

Many of you will know we have been hosting students from the University of Brighton this term. In recognition of our ongoing work supporting the School of Education at the University with their placements and course content, we are now deemed a **Gold Star Partner**.

## Uniform update

We believe that wearing school uniform encourages a sense of belonging and value being part of our school community and we want our pupils to take pride in their appearance.

Back in Autumn 2019, we shared with you all the plans for updating our uniform starting with our PE kit. We wanted to combine a fresher, modern logo with an updated PE kit.

Obviously, the last 14 months prevented us from moving forwards with our plans and so we are introducing our new PE kit for this September. The new PE kit will feature the new logo (see picture) and provide a more updated look.

As we plan to continue to have children wear their PE kits all day, we want them to feel like part of the team in the fresh new look.

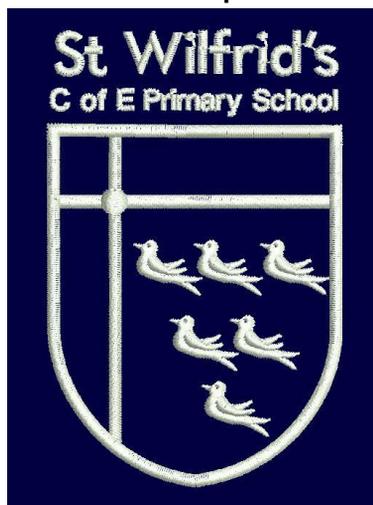
Whenever a school makes changes to a school uniform, we must be very mindful of cost, which is why at this point we are only asking everyone to change the PE top for September 2021.

Any new school jumper or cardigan purchased online from July onwards (specific date to follow) will also bear the new logo but there will be no expectation for everyone to change straight away as we expect the process of change to take 2 years for these items.

Therefore, over the next 2 years we will have a mixture of school jumpers and cardigans with the old and new logo on them.

We will continue to use Price and Buckland for our uniform, and they have priced the new PE shirt at £9.75. They also sell the blue PE shorts and there is a skort option as well.

Our other uniform expectations will be detailed in the updated Parent handbook on the school website and on the uniform page from the beginning of half term.



Our design will be the Sports T-Shirt in **Navy** with contrast panel in **White**.





Each term we focus on one of our 6 values, which is embedded into our learning to help the children understand and appreciate their environment, the wider world and to help them be the best they can be. This term our value is **INQUIRE.**



We inquire about God's varied and wonderful world. We learn through exploration and questioning as we grow in understanding, skills, and wisdom.

Our verse for this half term is,  
*'Put all things to the test; keep what is good.'* 1 Thessalonians 5:21

### Important dates

See our website [calendar](#)

### Gardening Award

Our gardening initiative continues to go from strength to strength. We have now achieved level 3 of the RHS School Gardening Award scheme. Having already achieved levels 1 and 2, we now move onto trying to achieve level 4.

### CORONAVIRUS, TESTING AND SCHOOL

As I am sure you are aware, families can now collect or order lateral flow test kits for anyone over the age of 18. Follow this [link](#) for more details:

If your child has any symptoms of coronavirus such as:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough (coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste (this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal), please get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result. The school will let families know if a child or member of staff tests positive. Please remember to follow Government and Public Health advice. When dropping off or picking up your child we would appreciate it if you could remember to social distance to help ensure we keep our community as safe as possible. Thank you.

