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**ST WILFRID'S C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Prospective Parent Information Pack



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**"a very
welcoming,
happy school"**

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Introduction

A warm welcome to St Wilfrid's. We hope that you found our video informative and that it has given you a brief insight into life at St Wilfrid's. We know that when you choose a school for your child you want the best both academically and also a school that will allow your child to grow and develop all their talents and abilities.

St Wilfrid's is a school where individuals are valued and encouraged to achieve their personal best. Children are supported to become confident and independent, motivated to learn and to be their best. We hope the following information helps you learn more about our school and how your child could benefit from a place here.



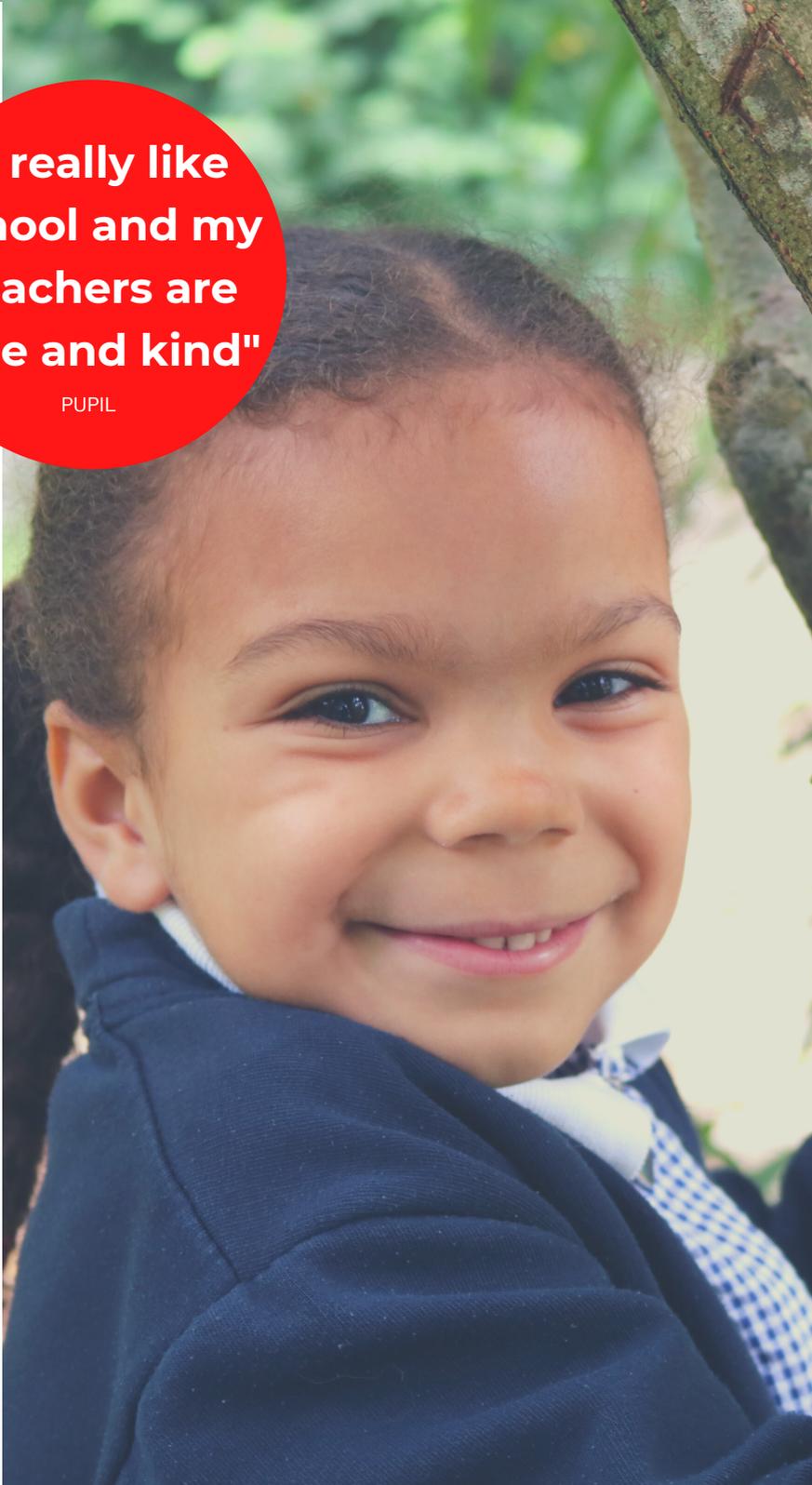
St Wilfrid's is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School within the Diocese of Chichester.

We offer a stimulating learning environment for children aged between 4-11 years.



**"I really like
school and my
teachers are
nice and kind"**

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Covid-19

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 we have been unable to run our usual open events this year but we hope our video has given you an opportunity to learn a little more about St Wilfrid's.

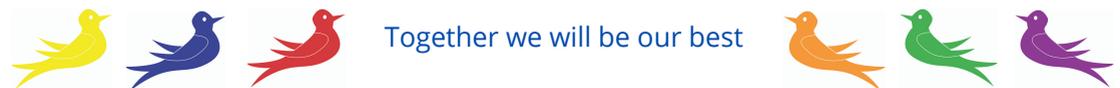
From the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, we have worked hard to ensure that our pupils, staff and community remain as safe as possible.



We remained opened for key worker children and for vulnerable children and set-up online learning for all our pupils at home.

To ensure that our school and classrooms are as safe as possible for pupils and staff we have been following government guidance and advice on hygiene and social distancing. We have worked with Local Authorities and the Diocese of Chichester to ensure we can be as safe as possible.

It is difficult to predict what is going to happen with Coronavirus but we will continue to do our utmost to ensure the safety of our pupils, staff, and community. We hope that we can welcome you to our school in near future.





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A warm welcome from our Head

I am delighted to welcome you to St Wilfrid's. I am proud to lead our committed team who are dedicated to our pupils' well-being, achieving high standards and providing the very best opportunities for our pupils. Staff, supported by governors, work hard to deliver a rich and challenging curriculum.

Our pupils enjoy learning and are challenged to make the most of all their talents. During their time at St Wilfrid's our pupils grow in independence, confidence, and self-esteem.

Our enriched curriculum enables pupils to rise to the challenges that school and life present them with, and they always strive to be the very best they can be.

We encourage every child at St Wilfrid's to be resilient and aspirational learners, who are supported and nurtured through their educational journey.

Our staff and governors are committed to delivering high quality education for your child and we aim to provide all our children with the best start in life to prepare them for their future.



Mr Simon Hateley
Heateacher



Together we will be our best



"I really
enjoy being
at school"

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Our Governing Body

Our Governing body works with the Headteacher, staff and Local Authority, and has responsibility for setting the strategic direction of the school to ensure our pupils have the best possible education.

Our governing team consists of a dedicated and highly trained group of volunteers with individual skills who work as a team with school leaders to ensure that our school is working towards its vision, upholding its ethos and that there is oversight and challenge.



Parent governors play a vital role in our governance team; we have two parent governors who are elected by parents and play a full role on the Governing Board, as well as helping to ensure that the parent perspective is understood.

Further information about governance in our school is available on our website.



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"my children
are happy and
thriving at
St Wilfrid's"

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Our Vision

At St Wilfrid's we lead by example, with our staff modelling to children our school values which include looking after others, themselves, and their environment, to care, hope, aspire, respect, inquire and share.

We nurture good behaviour in school through building relationships with pupils and engaging them in exciting learning experiences that respect individuals and build their self-esteem enabling every child to feel safe. We know that providing the best possible start helps to ensure lifelong learning success. Our children feel secure and happy from day one. Learning is designed for each stage as they transition through the school from joining in reception, to Year 6, where we prepare them to progress to secondary education.

Throughout their time at St Wilfrid's, we provide a broad range of opportunities including activities such as our dream team and eco warriors, to ensure that pupils are heard and that their opinions are valued.



Our Values



At St Wilfrid's we want all our children to grow in gifts and grace and our core values of care, hope, aspire, respect, inquire and share are embedded throughout the school, the learning, and the school environment.



Our martlet birds are used in a different colour to support a value (for example yellow is care) and each half term we allocate a value for that term.



Our values are at the core of all we do, and they underpin our teaching and learning. Our values guide us to work together, to be our best and for us to grow in gifts and grace.



At St Wilfrid's, the first letter of each of our values come together to create the word CHARIS which is the biblical word for grace.



'Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'

2 Peter 3:18

British Values



Along with our school values we also promote the British Values through our curriculum, ethos, and worship. Full details can be found on our website.



**"the school
values teach my
children they
can be their
best"**

Parent



Our Curriculum: Inspiring young minds

St Wilfrid's offers an engaging curriculum, which links core subjects such as literacy and maths with other subjects, to provide a unified learning experience. Our teachers provide learning that is aspirational and focused on producing high-quality outcomes.

We follow the national curriculum and provide opportunities for our children to challenge themselves with our concept based curriculum. This enables children to explore big questions linking learning and giving real world meaning to what they have learnt increasing their knowledge and skills.

Our teaching staff ignite a love of learning in the children which means when they leave St Wilfrid's to go onto to secondary education they are prepared, striving to be their best wherever their aspirations take them.



Interactive classroom whiteboards enhance classroom learning and our recently refurbished computer room enables our pupils to learn valuable ICT skills.

We are fortunate to have wonderful grounds and woodland where our children increase their learning through nature and play.



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"the proportion of pupils who reached age related expectations in **reading, writing** and **maths** at the end of Year 6 was **higher than the national average**"

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Learning beyond the classroom

Through our teaching staff, along with a host of additional opportunities, we nurture our children's talents whether they are academic, creative, or sporting. With passionate and dedicated teachers in academic subjects and also in PE, art and music we are able to offer excellent and highly focused teaching for your child.

We are an inclusive school and value each child as an individual. If your child has special education needs or disabilities, we have a dedicated Inclusion Manager who will be happy to talk with you. Information on our SEND provision can be found on our website [here](#).

As well as expert-led opportunities to extend learning beyond the school day we offer a broad range of after-school clubs that are tailored to the needs and interests of the children. Through our wrap around care provider TreeTops, we are able to provide before and after school support along with holiday clubs.

As part of our curriculum offering, children have the opportunity to participate in many and varied educational experiences available to them. These include residential stays, field trips, special events, visits to local places of interest and our community churches etc which are woven into our learning topics.



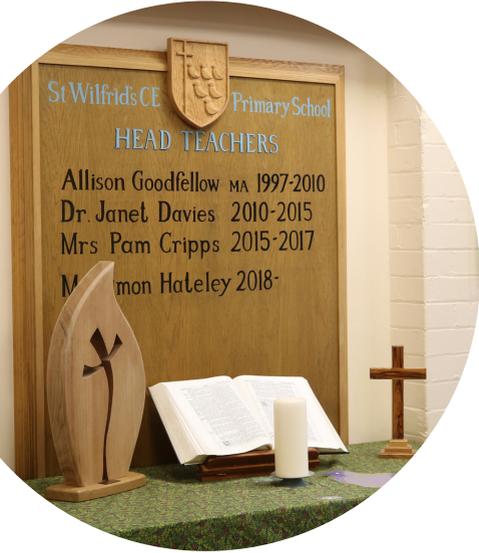
A young boy with short, reddish-brown hair is shown in profile, smiling warmly. He is holding a black microphone close to his mouth. He is wearing a brown jacket over a red and white striped shirt. The background is dark, suggesting a stage setting. An orange circular graphic is overlaid on the top right of the image, containing white text.

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Our Christian Distinctiveness

We are a Church of England school with close links to the three local Anglican churches in Haywards Heath, and our ethos embraces those of all faiths and none.



We have a holistic approach to our children's education nurturing their mental health and wellbeing. The children have opportunities for quiet reflection throughout the school such as our peace garden.

Our Christian distinctiveness is a fundamental element of our school which facilitates us being an inclusive school, welcoming children, and families from all faiths or none.

We teach our children to be tolerant of other people's religions, traditions and lifestyles enabling them to be good social citizens.

Each week we hold celebration assemblies where we celebrate our children's learning and achievements, and award certificates for demonstrating our core values.

Our church links provide a united community providing children with opportunities to engage in Christian celebrations and aid their personal development through singing, public speaking, reading, playing musical instruments and acting, to name a few examples.





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Forest School

In addition to our school grounds, we are fortunate to have an impressive woodland area where we run our popular Forest School which is an innovative educational approach to outdoor play and learning. Forest School encourages and inspires children through positive outdoor experiences.

Your child will have the opportunity to develop life skills through activities such as den building, foraging, bark drawings to name a few. These activities help to develop children's understanding of the environment and the world around them. By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities your child will grow in confidence whilst learning new skills.



The benefits of Forest School are both physical and reflective, as children are given time to explore their thoughts and feelings, which enables them to develop their understanding of their environment engaging their emotions, imagination and senses. Forest School sessions are led by teachers and we welcome parent volunteers to help with the sessions. Children wear own clothes suitable for outdoor play.



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for my child to
be in a better
school"**

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Friends of St Wilfrid's

All parents automatically become members of the Friends of St Wilfrid's (FOSW) when their children start at St Wilfrid's. 'Friends of St Wilfrid's' is a flourishing parents association that organises popular social and fund-raising events for both the children and parents.

Recent funds have paid for our new outdoor shelter which is a great resource for the children.

During the school year FOSW organise a variety of events which include children's discos, quiz nights, our summer and Christmas fairs. A second-hand uniform shop is also run by FOSW.



Volunteering is a great way to get involved with our St Wilfrid's community, make friends and help raise funds for your child's school.

Our parents welcome and support families who are new to the St Wilfrid's Community and are looking forward to meeting you and your family.



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Wraparound Care

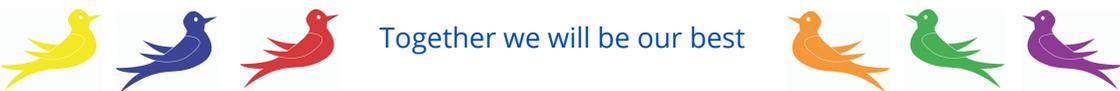
We are delighted 'Tree Tops' are our wrap around care provider. Treetops is run by a dedicated team of professional childcare experts who have extensive childcare knowledge, childcare qualifications and all staff are DBS checked. Independently Ofsted registered they provide high quality and affordable childcare for working parents held within our school environment.



Treetops provide a fun, happy and safe place for your child whilst allowing you to start or complete your working day safe in the knowledge that your child is enjoying good quality childcare.

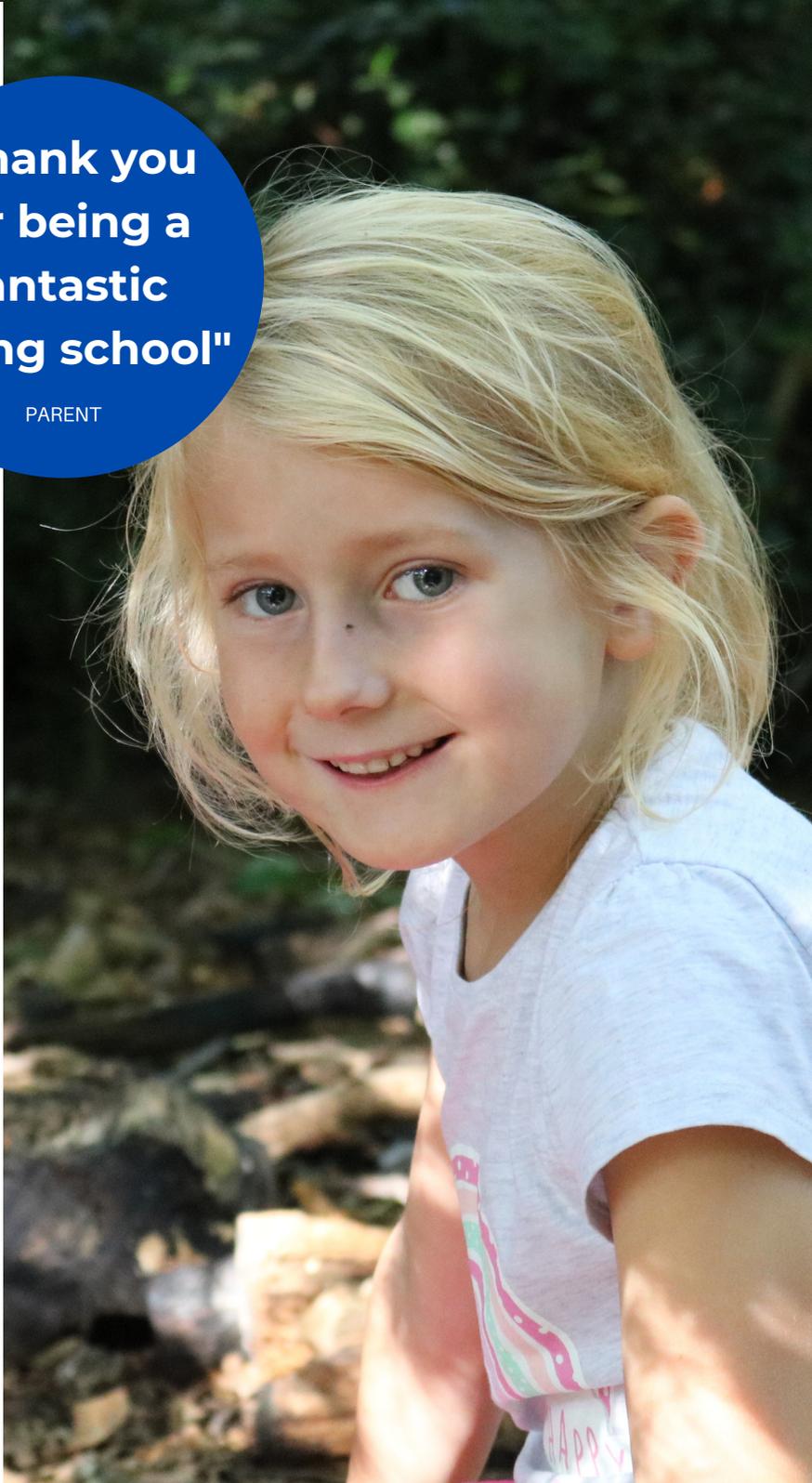
Focused around play your child can play freely with friends, with a wide variety of toys or through adult led daily activities.

The time spent at Treetops whether before or after school will encourage your child to learn, grow and develop through play. Sessions can be booked on a regular basis or ad hoc sessions, as and when you require them. More information along with timings and costs of session are available the TreeTops website: www.treetopclubs.co.uk



**"Thank you
for being a
fantastic
caring school"**

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Admissions

We hope you found our video interesting and would like to consider St Wilfrid's as a school for your child. Full details of our admission applications can be found on our website. Applications should be submitted directly to the Local Authority and a separate application form should be submitted to the school if you are applying on church grounds (further details below).

For applications submitted under criteria 3 or 4: If you wish to apply under criteria number 3 or 4, you will need to complete an additional St Wilfrid's School Supplementary information form. This form is available on our website [here](#). If you require a printed form, please contact our school office who will be able to assist you. Completed forms should be returned to the school office, together with a signed clergy or minister's letter, if applicable, by the Local Authority closing date of 15 January 2021. If you are moving into the area, a letter from your prior vicar/minister will be welcomed. Please note that applications received after the closing date are considered late and dealt with after all those received on time.

When the application process is complete the Local Authority will provide our Governing Body with a list of all applicants who have applied to our school. The Governing Body will then rank the applications in strict accordance with our Admissions policy. You must complete your application and submit it to the local authority either via www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or by submitting a paper application form which is available on our website [here](#), or you can call 03330 142903 for a form. The deadline for all applications is 15th January 2021.





We are **committed**
to providing the
best education for
your child to
enable them
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Lettings

Our school halls are available to hire. Contact the school office for details





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