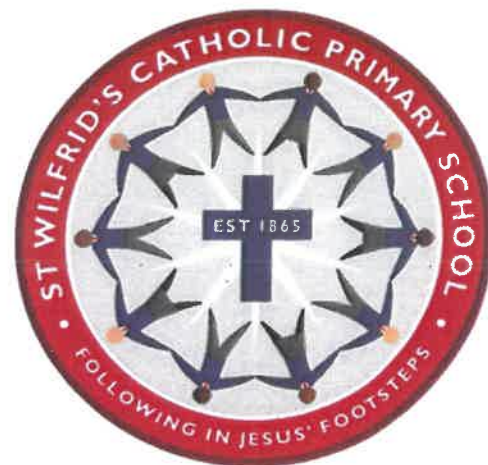


St Wilfrid's

Catholic Primary School

January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

My first letter to you all for 2021 comes with my very best wishes for a positive new year for all of you – even though the new school term has not begun as we had intended. Despite the extreme challenges that we all face, I do trust that you have all had a chance to at least relax and reflect over the holiday period, even though it may have been very different to any other Christmas you have celebrated.

I know that since the Government announced on the 4th January 2021 that all schools would be closed with immediate effect until at least the 15th February 2021, the pressure you, and your families are under at this present time must be immense. I also appreciate that for many of you at St Wilfrid's whose children are not able to attend school at this present time it must be hard for you to manage your daily life and make sure that your children are accessing and working on their Home Learning.

As a Governing Body we all hope the move to remote learning will be for as short a period as is possible, but we are currently in the eye of the storm of this awful pandemic. We desperately need to drive infection rates down, so in the spirit of this we wish to remind you that your child/children should stay at home and access the excellent Home Learning being provided via the school website, if it is appropriate to do so. This will reduce the number of households mixing and therefore reduce the transmission of this deadly virus. If we all follow the lockdown rules we will once again be able to gather as a school family in a safe and secure environment. With vaccines now being administered on a daily basis, there is certainly a glimmer of light at the end of a very long tunnel, however we all must continue to work together until that day arrives.

Just like you all as Parents and Carers, the Staff at St Wilfrid's School are all having to get used to teaching the children remotely and I would like to take this opportunity to **thank** most sincerely each and every one of St Wilfrid's staff team whether that be teaching or non-teaching staff, for how quickly they all responded to the lockdown situation and how hard they have all worked since last Tuesday to produce and deliver such a high quality offer of home learning resources for the children who are unable to come to school.

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I know there have been many late nights and weekend working to enable this to happen. I am also aware, however, that this is a testament to each of them as they as a school community want to ensure that inspite of these challenging times the children still receive a high quality of education. So, can I ask you all that you continue to show patience and compassion to Mrs McEniff, Mrs O'Hara and all members of St Wilfrid's Staff team as they begin to get used to this new way of teaching as well as coping with the stress of this pandemic. As like anything new there may be initial teething problems in the first couple of weeks but once these are overcome, I know that they are all very confident that the Home Learning will be much improved from the first lock down and I do hope that you find this to be the case. However, please rest assured that as a school family we are here to support you and your child/children with any difficulties that you may experience over the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to give the school a call or send an email so that whatever the issue or situation it can be worked through together. As we all know a problem shared is a problem solved.

I continue to pray that all of our children, staff, governors and families remain safe during this very difficult time. I pray that God protects you all and gives you strength and means to cope with the challenges you are all facing in the weeks ahead. Remember please:

STAY AT HOME PROTECT THE NHS SAVE LIVES

God bless.

Mrs Morrissey

Chair of Governors