



St Wilfrid's

NEWSLETTER

Expansion Consultation

The Trustees of the Diocese have given the Governing Body permission to begin a consultation period regarding the potential expansion of St Wilfrid's Primary School from 45 places to 60 places.

Why are we considering expansion?

There is a high demand for Catholic places in this area of Sheffield, which has meant that a number of Catholic children have not been offered a place in a Catholic school for three years running in the two Umbrella schools.

St Wilfrid's has been operating a model of mixed classes however this presents challenges with the National Curriculum 2014 because it is mastery curriculum based on year group expectations.

The workload of class teachers of mixed classes can be higher than those of single year group classes.

The move from 45 to 60 places is not as significant as 30 to 60.

St Wilfrid's has a large site with extensive outdoor spaces.

What are the key considerations?

In order to increase from 45 to 60 places, St Wilfrid's would need four additional classrooms with toilet and cloakroom facilities. This would involve applying to the Education Funding Agency through the Condition Improvement Fund.

As part of the expansion project, other areas of school would also need to be considered to ensure appropriate circulation, dining space, kitchen provision and access to outdoor space, etc.

It is likely that any building project of this size would need to be completed in phases.

This would be an opportunity to recruit several new members of staff.

There would be a number of associated challenges, such as parking outside of school, which would need to be explored.

The timescale would be dictated by the success or failure of the Condition Improvement Fund application, which would mean that the earliest the school could realistically admit its first 60 Reception children would be September 2019 and this would continue over a four year period until the school reached its new capacity.

This is a significant consideration for the Governing Body therefore we would encourage all stakeholders to share their comments or feelings.

Please email enquiries@stwilfridssheffield.co.uk with the subject 'expansion' by **February half term**.

St Wilfrid's 2019/20 Admissions Policy Consultation

In response to statutory guidance received from the Catholic Education Service and the Diocese of Hallam, the Governors have determined that changes must be made to the admissions criteria for 2019-20.

This means that the school must publicly consult on its proposed admissions arrangements for a period of six weeks ending on 31 January 2018. The proposed arrangements, together with the proposed new Supplementary Information form have now been placed on the school's website and your comments on the changes would be welcomed. The principal changes from the policy of 2018-19 include:

- Catholic children are prioritised above all other applicants (apart from children with Educational and Health Care Plans)
- there are no sub categories, but children with certified medical/social needs receive first priority in each category
- children with siblings already in the school receive second priority in each category
- there is a separate category for catechumens and members of Eastern Orthodox churches

The prioritisation of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (or children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs), the tie-break arrangements, the maintenance of the waiting list and the procedures for in-year applications remain unchanged, therefore comments are not requested on these aspects of the proposed policy.

Please address your comments, whether via email (enquiries@stwilfridssheffield.co.uk) or in writing to Anne Tonge or Alison Clack in the school office.

Notre Dame 2019-20 Admissions Consultation

Notre Dame are currently consulting on their 2019-20 Admissions policies with the consultation due to end 31st January 2018.

The policies have been posted on their website

(<http://www.notredame-high.co.uk/index.php/component/k2/item/658-admissions>) and discussed with the Diocese and All Saints Catholic High School.

All Saint's School 2019/20 Admissions Consultation

All Saints are also currently consulting on their 2019-20 Admissions policies which have been posted on their website: <http://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/admissions.html>

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following pupils for being awarded Good Work Certificates:-



w/c 27th November

Ewan [Y4], Nina [Y3/4], Jack [Y2], Yannis [Y1], Oliver [R/Y1], Hector [R], Ava [Y2/3], Antonia [Y6], Sophia [Y5/6] and Marnie [Y5].

w/c 4th December

Oscar [Y5], George [Y2], Esther [Y4], Patrick [R/Y1], Benjamin [R], Orla [Y1], Noah [Y3/4], Ingrid [Y2/3], Alishba [Y5/6] and Aaron [Y6].

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord

We pray that in Advent and Christmas

Everyone will have faith

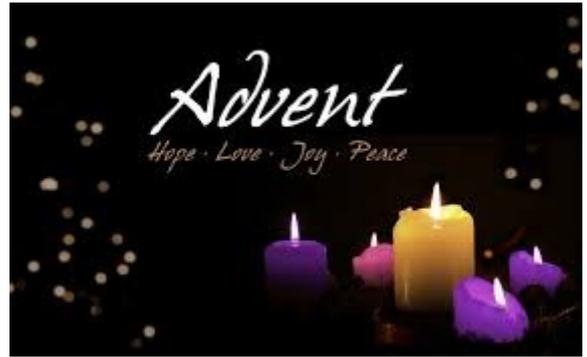
People need to have joy all around the world

Right in our hearts, there should be love

And even in the darkest times, there will be light

Yet there might be sadness, we believe

Amen



Emily & Edith Y5/6



Carols by Candlelight Concert 2017

Our school choir will be performing at the Whirlow Hall Farm Trust Carols by Candlelight Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses at 7.00pm on 14th December.

Join us for a magical evening of carols, candlelight, readings and music.

Tickets: £5. Can be purchased from whirlowhallfarm.org/tickets

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St Wilfrid's RC Primary
School

has raised the sum of

£210.67

to help people build a brighter
future through CAFOD's projects
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working in communities across the world to end poverty and injustice.