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### **Head Teacher's Weekly Update**

#### Dear Families,

As half term approaches, I hope that all of the St Wilfrid's community have the opportunity for some rest and relaxation over the break. In particular, our Year 11 and 13 pupils who have been working incredibly hard in the preparation for and sitting their final set of preliminary examinations. They have conducted themselves very well during the examination period and we are very proud of each and every one of them.

This week's update is focusing on a few key reminders linked to safeguarding.

# **Keeping Your Child Safe Online**



As a parent or carer, you play an important role in guiding your child to stay safe online. You don't have to be an internet expert to make a difference!

- The UK Safer Internet Centre is here to help you with useful advice, tips, and resources to keep your child safe while they explore the online world.
- They offer easy-to-understand advice and resources that can support you in helping your child use the internet safely, responsibly, and positively. <u>Parents and Carers - UK Safer</u> <u>Internet Centre</u>

If you would like any further guidance, please contact your child's Head of House.

## Safeguarding in School Update: 'On Call' Escort

As a school, we are committed to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all our pupils. After half term we are introducing a new system to ensure every child feels as safe as possible whilst navigating their school day.



- If a pupil needs to leave the classroom during lesson time for reasons such as a medical
  appointment or intervention, their teacher will use our management information system,
  Arbor, to alert a staff member.
- This staff member will then come to escort the pupil to their destination.







• It's important to note that pupils are not allowed to leave the classroom without adult supervision as we want to ensure their safety at all times.

During lesson changes and breaks, our dedicated staff will continue to actively supervise the corridors, encouraging pupils to move quickly and purposefully to their next lesson. This not only helps maintain order but also fosters a sense of community and responsibility among our pupils.

The support and partnership of our families are essential in maintaining a calm and orderly school environment. We encourage you to speak with your children about the importance of following school procedures and showing respect to the staff who are here to support them.

## **Please Treat Our Staff with Courtesy and Respect**

At St Wilfrid's RC College, we are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for all members of our school community. We greatly value the support and cooperation of our families in helping us achieve this.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that all interactions with staff remain respectful.

- Shouting, swearing, or displaying aggressive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated, as it can have a negative impact on the well-being of both staff and pupils.
- In instances where such behaviour occurs, we may need to ask individuals to leave the school premises or end a telephone call.

We appreciate your understanding and partnership in fostering a positive school environment where all pupils can thrive. If you have any concerns, we encourage open and constructive communication so that we can work together to support your child's education.

If you have any queries or your child requires any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Heads of House:

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Best Wishes,

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