



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Summer 9



Survey for Parents of Children in Years 9-11

At BCCET, we know that regular school attendance plays a vital role in helping children thrive both academically and socially.

As a valued parent or carer, your insights on attendance and other, wider school policies and approaches are incredibly important to us. We invite those of you with children in Year 9-11 to complete a short survey (no more than 10 minutes) to share your thoughts and experiences about school. Your feedback will help us better understand any challenges families may face and how we can work together to support consistent attendance across our schools. Please follow this link to access the survey:

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[Parent Survey](#)

There are no right or wrong answers — we're simply listening and learning from you. Your feedback will be used only to improve support for students and families across the trust. The survey will remain open for 2 weeks. Thank you in advance for completing the survey. We look forward to analysing your responses (individual responses will be anonymised when we write up the findings).

Welcome Year 6!

Next week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils for their Transition Days.

This is always a special moment in the school calendar, as it gives our incoming pupils the opportunity to experience life at St Wilfrid's, meet their form tutors and new classmates, and begin to feel part of our school community.

Pupils will enjoy two full days of activities designed to help them to settle in, familiarise themselves with the building, and ease any nerves ahead of September.

We're excited to meet them and begin their journey with us!



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Cars on Site

We have recently seen a noticeable increase in the number of parents and carers driving into the school car park to drop off and collect their children.

While we understand that this is often done with the best of intentions, the volume of traffic on site during peak times now poses a significant safety risk to our pupils, especially during the busy arrival and departure periods.

Our car park was not designed to accommodate large numbers of vehicles at these times, and the increased congestion creates hazards for children who are walking or cycling onto site.

To help us keep all members of our school community safe, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not drive into the school grounds at the start or end of the day, unless prior arrangements have been made due to exceptional circumstances or mobility needs.

Instead, we encourage families to identify a safe and suitable location nearby where pupils can be dropped off or met on foot. This not only reduces the risk of accidents on school premises but also helps to promote healthy habits such as walking part of the journey.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and calm environment for all of our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Keeping Our Parks and Coastline Safe This Summer

As we head into the summer holidays, families are encouraged to enjoy our local parks and coastline safely and responsibly.

Northumbria Police have asked us to share information about a small number of incidents in the local area involving anti-social behaviour.

Families are asked to speak with their children about staying safe and making positive choices during the school holidays.

Support is available through Matrix Young People's Service and South Tyneside's Family Hubs.

For more information, please see this letter from Northumbria Police: [Northumbria Police](#)

It's been another positive and busy week here at St. Wilfrid's.

Next week, we're delighted to be welcoming our new Year 6 pupils for their Transition Days. This is an exciting time for them as they take their first steps into secondary school life, and we're looking forward to helping them feel settled and supported.

Our Year 10 pupils will also be stepping into new environments as they take part in Work Experience Week. They'll be spending time in a variety of workplaces, gaining valuable insights and skills. We can't wait to hear all about their experiences when they return.

Finally, if you have a child in Years 9 to 11, please take a moment to complete the parent survey linked above. Your feedback is important to us and helps shape the future of our school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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