

Every child fulfilling their potential in a nurturing learning environment underpinned by Christian values.

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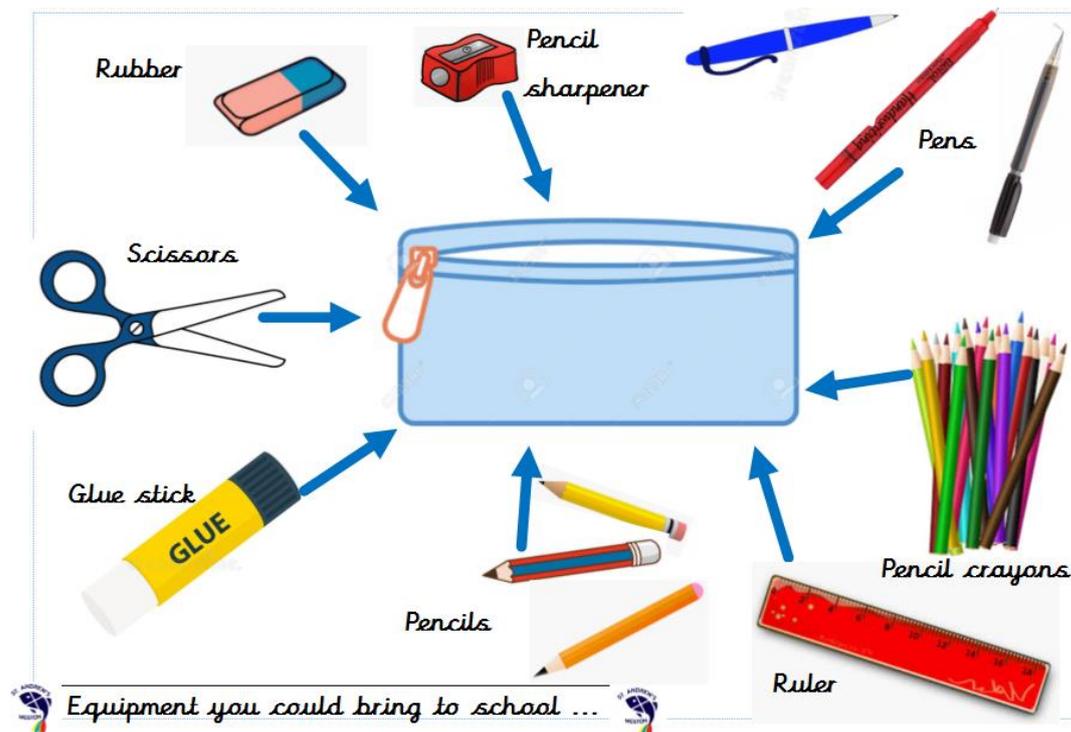
Welcome!

Welcome to my first newsletter for this academic year. As September approaches, I am aware that, as parents and carers, you may be a little bit apprehensive about your children joining or returning to school. There is, and has been, lots of work going on in the background to make the children's return to school safe and enjoyable. This newsletter contains a lot of useful information and should answer many of your immediate questions. Please look out for the new way to book CHILL places. We are trialling an online booking form. You'll also find out information about uniform, opening times and equipment. I will send out further details in next week's newsletter. I hope you enjoy the last week of the summer break and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Equipment for September (Year 1 to Year 6 pupils only)



In light of the Government guidelines, it is evident that pupils will still be discouraged from sharing stationery equipment from September. Therefore, we would like to invite children to bring in their own pencil cases which will need to remain in school for the half term and then can be taken home for the October holiday. Pencil cases should contain the following items: pencils, pencil crayons, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, glue stick, scissors and handwriting pens (Key Stage 2 children only)



Children will be the only ones to use the equipment in their own pencil case. If you do not wish to send your child with their own pencil case and equipment then an individual set of stationery will be provided by school.
Many thanks for your ongoing support.

School Uniform

As stated previously, from the beginning of term, all children must wear their school uniforms. School uniform expectations are as follows:

Reception and Key Stage One Uniform

Boys' Winter Uniform

Our boys wear navy trousers along with a light blue polo shirt and the St Andrew's navy jumper (round neck)

Boys' Summer Uniform

Some of our boys choose to wear tailored navy shorts during the summer months.

Girls' Winter Uniform

Our girls wear either navy skirts with navy tights / socks or navy trousers, depending on personal choice. In addition, they wear a light blue polo shirt, along with a St Andrew's navy cardigan or a St Andrew's navy jumper (round neck).

Girls' Summer Uniform

Many of our girls choose to wear a light blue checked summer dress during the summer months, along with the St Andrew's navy cardigan.



Key Stage Two Uniform

Boys' Winter Uniform

Our boys wear navy trousers along with a light blue shirt, a St Andrew's tie and a St Andrew's navy jumper (v-neck)

Boys' Summer Uniform

Some of our boys choose to wear tailored navy shorts during the summer months instead of trousers.

Girls' Winter Uniform

Our girls wear either navy skirts with tights or navy trousers, depending on personal choice. In addition they wear a light blue shirt with a St Andrew's tie, along with a St Andrew's navy cardigan or St Andrew's navy jumper (v-neck). Girls may also wear a navy pinafore dress with a light blue shirt and a St Andrew's tie.

Girls' Summer Uniform

Many of our girls choose to wear a light blue checked summer dress during the summer months, along with the St Andrew's navy cardigan.



Please note, apart from shoes, there is no grey or black in the St Andrew's uniform.

Other Items

Shoes

We prefer sturdy, black 'school shoes'. Trainers are not permitted during non PE sessions. We strongly discourage heeled footwear or sandals which do not fasten securely on the foot and offer little toe protection.

PE Kit

Boys and girls wear the same PE kit. These can be purchased from Tailored Branding. The PE top is pale blue with a St Andrew's Badge and the PE shorts are navy blue with a St Andrew's badge.

Please provide your child with a sturdy pair of trainers. Avoid soft-top trainers because they offer little protection during competitive games.

For cold weather outdoor activities, fleeces are advised and are also available from Tailored Branding.



Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is strongly discouraged. The school will not take responsibility for lost or damaged jewellery items. Earrings should be simple studs. The children must be able to remove their own jewellery in order to participate in PE activities. No jewellery can be worn for swimming.

Hair Bands

A simple navy blue band please.

Book Bags

These are strongly recommended. They take up little space and keep school books neat and tidy. They last a long time too. Tailored Branding supply these.

Watches

For reasons of safeguarding, watches with the ability to record or store images are not permitted to be worn by the children in school.

Please note: There will be no PE lessons on Thursday 3rd September or Friday 4th September. From Monday 7th September, I would like the children to wear their PE kits on the day it is their PE lesson. They will need school PE shorts, the school PE t-shirt, a school jumper and trainers they can put on themselves. Please do not send your child into school with lace-up trainers if they cannot tie laces. The children do not need black pumps. Your children's teachers will let you know which days the children's PE lessons will be on before Monday 7th September. For the foreseeable future, PE kits must not be kept in school.



Purchasing school uniform:

School uniform can be purchased directly from **our uniform supplier - Tailored Branding** - which is located at Unit 20, Wolseley Court, Staffordshire Technology Park, Stafford ST18 0GA. Telephone number: 01785 211779.

Directions from Weston: Follow the A518 towards Stafford. At the Beaconside roundabout turn right. At the first traffic lights turn right onto the Staffordshire Technology Park. Go straight over the roundabout and follow the road up the hill, bearing round to the left past centurion house and the police HQ. At the curved C-Talk building, turn right. Bear left then when facing the Crossbow education building turn right. Turn left and Tailored Branding is in the corner. Please park in any of the centre spaces.



Alternatively, uniform can be ordered from the Tailored Branding online shop at <https://tailoredbranding.shop/St-Andrews-Weston>

Orders can still be placed online in time for collection/delivery before 2nd September <https://tailoredbranding.shop/St-Andrews-Weston>

Uniform shop opening times are:

Monday 24th August	9am-5pm
Tuesday 25th August	9am-5pm
Wednesday 26th August	9am-2.30pm
Thursday 27th August	9am-5pm
Friday 28th August	9am-5pm
Saturday 29th August	By appointment only*
Sunday 30th August	Closed
Monday 31st August	Closed (Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 1st September	9am-5pm
Wednesday 2nd September	9am-5pm

* Appointments can be made through their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TailoredSchoolwear>

For any personalised bags, please allow 7 days for embroidery.

School Start Times From September 2020

To reduce crowds before school, from September, we would like children to arrive at school from the following two times. Don't worry if you have children in two or more classes, with two different start times – they can come in at the earliest time together.

- Reception:** 8:50 arrival in through the main gate, down the side of the kitchen and be dropped off at the Reception classroom and then go out of the car park gate.
- Year One:** 8:50 arrival in through the main gate and out through the car park (parents). Children to enter through Year 1 outside area.
- Year Six:** 8:50 arrival in through the pupil entrance* and straight into class
- Year Two:** 9:00 arrival in through the pupil entrance* and straight into class
- Year Three:** 9:00 arrival in through the pupil entrance* and straight into class
- Year Four:** 9:00 arrival in through the pupil entrance* and straight into class
- Year Five:** 9:00 arrival in through the pupil entrance* and straight into class

*The pupil gate is the blue one to the right of the main gate. This gate will close at 9.10am. From Monday 7th September, children arriving after this time will be marked as being late.

The school day will end at 3.20pm. Parents will observe the one-way system around school and collect the children in the usual manner from the playground. Further details will follow.

CHILL – Wrap-around Childcare

Our out of school club is called CHILL. CHILL offers childcare before and after school at a very reasonable cost. This year we are going to trial online bookings. All parents will soon receive an email with a booking form link. Click on the link and a blank form for the week commencing Monday 7th September will appear. Fill in your booking requirements and then click "Submit" at the bottom of the form.

You will receive a confirmation email that the form has been received by CHILL. Payment is then made through Parent Pay. It would be helpful if you could make your bookings for the week commencing Monday 7th September as soon as possible so that we can see if the system is working. Please submit one form for each child. Please do **not** make a payment to Parent Pay yet until we ask you. Thank you.

Chill Out of School Club Booking form for week 07/09/20

Chill re-opens on Monday 7th September 2020. To book sessions, please complete a new form for each child by clicking on the boxes below. 10% discount may be deducted where second siblings are attending the same sessions. Fees may be paid in advance from 01/09/20 via Parent Pay, Employee Childcare Vouchers or HMRC Tax-Free Childcare Vouchers.

1. Child's Name and class

Enter your answer

2. Monday 7th September

September 2020 – Virtual Class Welcome Meetings

This year, class teachers will be holding virtual meetings via ClassDojo. Each teacher will guide parents through the things that will be relevant to their child's class for the forthcoming year. Many things are still uncertain, such as whether school visits can take place or whether we can organise school celebrations such as Harvest Festival and the Christmas show. As ever, I will keep you posted once it is clear what we can do.

Photographs

Just a note for your diary, children's individual photographs will be taken on Friday 18th September, in school. There will be no PE that day, so that the children are photographed in their school uniforms.

Prayer Space

Lord,

As we prepare for a new school year in these unprecedented times,

Please give us the courage, wisdom and strength,

To face the challenges that lie ahead.

Please keep us all safe, so that we can enjoy school,

Value the companionship of our classmates,

And eagerly continue on our learning journey.

Thank you for the opportunities education brings to us.

Amen.

And finally...

Look out for next week's newsletter. I'll be providing more information about starting school in September, such as, what happens at break times and lunchtime, what can the children bring into school, how bubbles will be established and what social distancing will mean in school. I have been keeping a look out for government updates and want to provide you with the most up to date guidance when the children start school. I have started a diary below and will be adding next year's dates in next week's newsletter.

Mr Hayward.

I have started to populate the calendar for the forthcoming year. As more events are agreed these will be added to the list. Thank you.

Dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021

Autumn Term 2020

Tuesday 1 September	INSET day
Wednesday 2 September	INSET day
Thursday 3 September	School open for all children
Monday 7 September	CHILL Opens
Friday 18 September	Tempest Photographers in school – Pupil photos
Monday 28 October	Bikeability
Tuesday 29 October	Bikeability

Half term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

Monday 2 November	INSET Day – School closed for pupils
Monday 23 November	Years 1 – 6 Flu Immunisations
Friday 18 December	Term ends

Holiday: Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 January	INSET Day – School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 January	School opens

Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2021

Thursday 1 April	Term ends
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Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April 2021

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 April	School opens
Monday 3 May	School closed

Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021

Monday 7 June	INSET Day
Wednesday 21 July	Term ends

Holiday: Thursday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August 2021