

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that your sons and daughters are settling back into school life well; it really is great to have them all back.

Please see below some important information regarding the school canteen, as well as a reminder regarding parent/carers access to the school site before and after school.

## School Canteen

Due to events beyond the control of the school, it is likely that, over the coming days, there will be a slight reduction in the variety of food that may be on offer each day. We are working incredibly hard to overcome the issues so that we can return to the "normal" menu as soon as possible. In the meantime, food will still be available although with a more limited choice.

## Parent/Carer Access to School Site

Please **do not** drive your son/daughter onto the school site. As the school continues to grow in size (we have taken another 6 classes into Yr 7 again this year), it is at best impractical and at worst, simply too dangerous to do so as the car park isn't big enough and was not designed for through traffic. Therefore, to help alleviate any congestion, the back gate to the school will continue to be open from 0830 until 0900 hrs, and again at the end of the school day.

Other suitable areas (there are others) for dropping off/collecting are Downland Drive and Goffs Park Road; both of which are a short walk from the school gates and include a pelican crossing for crossing the A2220 safely. Also, Gossops Drive allows students to use the footbridge across the A23 and enter the school by the back gate. Please do not park in the Goffs Park Social Club car park nor use it for turning as this is private property. Where possible, parents/carers are asked **not** to drive on to Old Horsham Road in order to prevent traffic congestion and maintain road crossing safety for students crossing to enter the pedestrian gate.

As per the last two years, parents/carers will only be able to come on to the school site by prior arrangement with a member of staff. Vehicle access to the school site both before and after school will be restricted to staff and public transport vehicles only (includes taxis for those students using them as required through their EHCP/Social Services).

Parents/carers whose child has a disability/EHCP which requires them to be driven to school will be contacted and arrangements made for admission on to the site. Should a student's condition warrant their parent/carer being able to drive onto the school site (eg broken leg, recovery from a serious operation, etc.), the parent/carer should contact the relevant Yr Leader in the first instance to ask for permission.

With your support , we will be able to maintain high standards of road safety and allow for students to leave the site more quickly.

Thank you in advance for your patience and consideration in these matters.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ferry', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Michael Ferry  
Headteacher