



St Wilfrid's
Church of England Academy

OPEN EVENING

IMPORTANT SAFETY BRIEFING FOR OUR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

As colleagues and I prepare to welcome you to St Wilfrid's CE Academy for our Opening Evening on Thursday 23rd September 2021, I would like to share some important information regarding your visit.

Traditionally these evenings are very busy; this is one of the most joyous aspects of the night as eager children and their families interact with the staff and students at the Academy. After a long period of disruption to our daily routines I am delighted to be able to invite you to look around, to speak to staff and meet our students as they take you on a tour, or showcase activities in subject areas. There is a lot to experience on the evening and I am sure that you will have a fantastic time.

The Open Evening runs from 4:00pm until 8:00pm. The busiest time is usually between 4:30pm and 6:00pm, so if you want to come when it is slightly quieter, arriving after this time may suit you better.

As last year's event was virtual, we are expecting an even greater number of visitors this year, so please read the points below as we try to make the event as safe as possible for all members of the Academy community and our visitors.

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

What are we doing in the Academy?

- I will be increasing the number of welcome talks in the Main Hall and capping the numbers to a level which allows more space between visitors. The last talk will start at 7:15pm.
- Face visors and/or masks will be worn by colleagues and students (unless exempt).
- To reduce congestion in classrooms each subject area will set up duplicate activities in multiple rooms.
- Windows and doors will be left open to enhance ventilation in rooms.
- Sanitiser and hand washing facilities are readily available throughout the Academy.
- Refreshments will be served in disposable cups.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe?

- Keep the number of visitors from your family to a minimum as this will reduce congestion. I know some of you will have younger children and will not be able to get childcare but if you can do so in order to help out please consider this.
- Consider wearing a face mask if you are not exempt, particularly as you move through the Academy on a tour. Spare face masks will be available at the main entrance – just ask if you need one for yourself or others in your party.
- As you are looking around the Academy, please respect social distancing between your family group and staff, students and others who are visiting on the evening.
- Doing a lateral flow test before you come may help to identify if you have COVID-19 without any symptoms. You will not need to show the results of the test, nor will you be asked if you have taken a test, but if you can do one ahead of your visit that would provide reassurance for all of our Academy community.
- If you or anyone due to attend has COVID-19 symptoms or has had a recent positive test please do not attend the Open Evening. If you contact Reception on 01254 604000 on Friday 24th September between 9:30am and 3:00pm, you will be able to arrange an appointment to look around the academy when it is safe to do so.

Finding the right fit for your child is really important as you decide on the next school they will attend. I look forward to welcoming you and trust that you will enjoy experiencing all that St Wilfrid's has to offer your child.

Miss C Huddleston
Principal