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Dear Parents,

Building work update

The internal building work was completed just in time for the school to open. The staff worked tirelessly during the last weeks of the summer holidays to ensure that the school opened on time. We now have a wonderful new reception classroom, which can be used as a large open-plan class or two separate classes. We are waiting for the mobile partition/class divider to be fitted, which should happen shortly. Outside, the building work will take another two weeks to complete. The new infant playground will have a new surface, which will be partly tarmac and partly AstroTurf. The playground is even larger than before as we have now freed up the empty space that was behind the mobile class. On a clear day we even have a view of the Welsh hills (but not recently).

Safeguarding

Following a successful recent safeguarding review, there are a few items that I would like to draw your attention to.

1. We will be writing to you soon regarding outside providers of child care to ensure that we have up to date permission from parents for them to collect and drop children off at school. This will include after school clubs held off site (eg French and WAPA) as well as off site child care.
2. E-safety - As both an educator and a parent, I am aware of how difficult it is to make judgements about how to keep your children safe while accessing the internet on a variety of devices. At school we constantly promote safe and responsible use of the internet and I hope the link below helps to spread this awareness.

<http://www.stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk/website/e-safety>

Additional E-safety information

Facebook requires everyone to be at least **13 years** old before they can create an account. Creating an account with false information is a violation of their terms. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of someone under 13.

Twitter's privacy policy states:

Our Services are not directed to persons under 13. If you become aware that your child has provided us with personal information without your consent, please contact us at privacy@twitter.com. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children under 13. If we become aware that a child under 13 has provided us with personal information, we take steps to remove such information and terminate the child's account.

Twitter doesn't ask your age when you sign up, but Facebook does, and on Facebook the minimum age requirement is a hard and fast 13. It's the same number on Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Reddit and Snapchat. On WhatsApp it is 16, and on Vine it is 17. Some platforms, such as YouTube, WeChat and Kik, have a minimum age required of 18, although children aged 13-17 can sign up with parent's permission.

Mobile phones in school

Sometimes children in year six need to bring mobile phones into school because they travel home by themselves. In each of these cases parents need to have written a letter outlining the reasons and requesting permission for their child to be allowed to bring a mobile phone into school. If a child does bring a mobile phone into school they must hand it in to the class teacher until the end of the day. When they have no permission this phone will be put in the school office ready for collection at the end of the school day.

Please ensure that your child does not bring in their phone if they do not have permission.

Key Dates (all dates on website)

Non-uniform day – Friday 15th September – Dress in green/yellow – details in previous newsletter

Curriculum Evening Reception Wednesday 20th September 6pm

Curriculum Evening Year 5/6 Tuesday 26th September 6pm

Curriculum Evening Year 3/4 Wednesday 27th September 6pm

Curriculum Evening Year 1/2 Thursday 28th September 6pm

Bag to school – Wednesday 4th October – information to follow

Change of Inset day - Inset Day 3 is now scheduled for Friday 16th February and not Friday 25th May.

Yours sincerely,

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