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Our St Paul's Vision For Our Children:

Love God, Love Themselves, Love Others, Love Learning.

Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

Our school Christian values are:

Love, Joy, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Justice, Hope and Respect.

They permeate through everything we do at St Paul's.

Dear Parents and Carers,

BIKEABILITY



It was great to see some Y5 children completing their "Bikeability" training this week, great to see children doing something outdoors, good for physical and mental health!



FIRM PARENTNG



In school, you will know that our view is that our relationship with children should be “firm and warm”, with positive, caring relationships with the children but also clear boundaries, high expectations and firmness when needed.

Whilst most of our parents are also firm and warm with their children, there are a small minority who find it hard to say no or to be firm - and it’s not helping those children. Love the children as we all do, there are occasions when it needs to be clear that grown-ups are in charge and that a firm “no”, a telling off and a parent clearly backing up school is needed. We all have the children’s wellbeing at the heart of all we do and children don’t always know what’s best for them (and they don’t always tell mum and dad the whole truth – that’s children for you!) So, parents, if you have to sometimes be firm, remember that’s a good thing, you’re doing what’s right for your child. As a mum to a thirty-odd year old, believe me, your child will thank you for those firm boundaries when they grow up even if they don’t now!

ONLINE SAFETY



The rise of online activity and screen time is frequently cited by experts as being the cause of poor concentration, and consequently difficulties with learning, for many children. The online format, where activities and reading come in short bursts, does not help children to build up concentration over longer periods of time. Too much screen time can limit language and emotional development – things children learn from real live human beings, not devices.

Here are **some facts about social media**: sites which primary children should not be accessing include Tiktok (15+), Snapchat (14+), Roblox (12+), Fortnite (12+).

Children have told us: they go on Whatsapp, adult Youtube and lots of other inappropriate sites, they have devices, including phones, in their bedrooms, they go on their devices when told not to, including after parents think they have put their device away. A lot of children admit to the last one!

We have noticed: some children are tired at school and it affects their progress, other children are telling us that, for example, Child X was up till 1am because he was messaging his friends online at that time, some children know inappropriate vocabulary and content far above their years, some children bring social media fallings out into school.

Parents tell us: their child is upset because of what has been said to them on social media.

None of this is good for children!

Parents, for the sake of the wellbeing of your child, please put a stop to devices in bedrooms, going on sites unsuitable for your child's age and do please monitor any online activity very closely indeed. What might seem like a good way to entertain your child now could actually store up huge problems for them in the future. For parents of younger children who do not have any devices as yet, my advice is to think long and hard about getting your child a phone or IPAD and, if you do when they're older, please do ensure you have really tight parental controls set before handing the device over to your child.

There is an **Online Safeguarding section on our school website** to help you navigate the minefield of online safety for your children.

School Nurse drop-in session



We are now offering School Nurse sessions for parents to access support from the School Health service. These sessions will be offered monthly in school and the first will be held on Friday 3rd October 2025. Please contact Mrs Entwistle to book an appointment.

Please see details below regarding what support the school nursing team can offer:
· Toileting and continence support
· Sleep support
· Low Level Emotional wellbeing support
· Behaviour
· Public Health Needs (diet, dental, puberty and hygiene etc)
· School readiness

Please note the School Health service cannot prescribe or diagnose any conditions.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 30th September – St Christopher's open evening

Wednesday 8th October – Pupil flu vaccinations. Please make sure you have filled in the online consent form via the following link https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/077e4d6c

Thursday 9th October – Individual pupil photos

Friday 10th October – Tea & Toast in forest school

I hope that everyone has a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Wood

Headteacher

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH NEWS.

For any information regarding St Paul's church and what parents and children can access, please get in touch with Revd Guy on 615888 or guyjamieson@btinternet.com or officelittlemarsden@gmail.com or take a look at the parish website: www.nelsonlittlemarsden.org