



27 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

'THE IMPORTANCE OF FUN'

I often begin my letters to you with insights from famous theologians, poets, philosophers or world leaders. Today, I'd like to quote the wisest of dreamers, Winnie the Pooh:

"We didn't realise we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun."

Now that Years 11, 12 and 13 have completed their assessments for Centre Determined Grades, our capacity to refocus on the younger year groups has increased considerably. We also have more space in the building which will allow us to relax some of the stringent coronavirus restrictions. Therefore, we intend to have a little more fun over the coming months!

In the week commencing 5 July 2021, Year 7 will be engaged with exciting lessons designed and delivered by students in Year 12. At the same time, Years 8 and 9 will complete their 'school takeover' in which students will apply and be interviewed for roles, such as 'Headteacher for the day'! Our Science, Art, ICT and DT departments will seek to find new opportunities for students to complete practical work which, I hope, will reignite a passion for learning. Weather permitting, we may even be able to hold sports days within contact groups!

Dates for your diary

As we move forward into this important next phase, I wish to provide staff with an opportunity to come together, reflect and plan to enable us to provide the best possible learning experiences before the summer break. To this end, I intend to hold INSET days on Monday 7 June and Tuesday 8 June 2021. This means that children will return to school on Wednesday 9 June 2021.

I appreciate that this is rather short notice so, if my decision presents you with any particular difficulty, please do get in touch by emailing headteacher@stteilos.com.

The final INSET days of the year will take place on Monday 19 July and Tuesday 20 July 2021. This means that the last day of school for all remaining pupils will be Friday 16 July 2021.

Keeping in touch

Please do continue to visit our website [here](#) for the latest announcements. You may also wish to follow us on twitter [here](#).

We may be turning a corner in the public health crisis but we are not yet out of the woods. This week, we have had our first positive case of COVID-19 of the term, with some 70 children affected by self-isolation. So, please, continue to ensure that you practice good hand hygiene, keep distance where possible and use face coverings when you can. If you or a member of your family is unwell, stay at home. By working responsibly together, we can provide students with a joyous and uninterrupted conclusion to the academic year.

To finish, again from Winnie the Pooh:

"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know."

Let this be the message to our children.

With my very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Loynd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr I Loynd
Headteacher