



St. Michael's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

It has been two weeks since we invited more pupils back to school. It has been a very smooth transition; our children have been amazing and have followed our new systems perfectly. We are still limited in the number of pupils we can have in school as safety of staff and pupils is paramount.

Home Learning

Well done to all of our pupils who are completing home learning activities. The 'Home Learning' section of the school website can be accessed at www.st-michaels.school. A number of parents have asked for paper copies to make completing the work even easier. Every Monday from now until the end of the academic year, you will be able to collect paper copies from the school office between 9am-11am. Once your child has completed their home learning tasks, ask them to keep their work safe until they return to school. It is not an expectation that work is returned, however teachers would love to see what our children have been doing in their time off.

At St Michael's, reading is always a priority. We know how important reading regularly is as it improves, not only specific reading skills, but also concentration and memory. To support our pupils to read more at home, we have a selection of reading books at the school office every Monday. If your child needs a book to read, please come and collect one- they are free and are there to be taken away and enjoyed.

School Reports

If your child is attending school, they will be given their school report to take home next week. If your child is not attending school, you will receive your child's school report in the post.

Next Academic Year

We do not know what school life in September will look like; we are following government guidelines and are hoping to have all children returning full time. It may mean that we still have to offer staggered start and finish times. The plan for September will be shared with you when we know more clearly what restrictions and guidance will be.

We have relaxed our uniform policy in school since our return, as we understand how quickly children grow and how difficult shopping is in the current climate. In September, we will return to full uniform as we know how essential uniform is in setting the tone of the school. Please ensure your child's uniform follows our school uniform policy, which can be found on the school website. If you would like to purchase a new uniform, please order direct from <https://theschooloutfit.co.uk/collections/st-michaels-r-c-primary-school-newcastle>. The deadline for ordering uniforms is 1st August.

If you are planning on having your child's ears pierced over the summer, then please do it at the start of the holidays as earrings are not allowed to be worn in school due to health and safety. Please also note that your child must wear black school shoes; trainers and boots are not permitted.

There are some slight changes to the staff team for next academic year. Mrs Yeoman will begin her maternity leave on 17th July 2020. Mrs Yeoman is an excellent teacher and Deputy Headteacher. We will miss her enthusiastic personality but wish her well as she prepares to begin this new, exciting chapter in life. Miss Consterdine, Assistant Headteacher, will take on extra school-wide responsibilities.

We have two new members of staff who have been successfully appointed over the past few months. Mrs Holmes, Administrative Assistant, and Miss Atthey, a new class teacher, are both fantastic in what they do. I know both Mrs Holmes and Miss Atthey will make an excellent contribution to our amazing school.

Here is a staffing plan for next academic year. In your child's school report pack, they will receive a letter from their new teacher.

Year Group	Teaching Staff	Support Staff
Nursery	Mrs Bonham	Miss Moat Mrs Scott
Reception	Miss Allison	
Year 1	Miss Atthey	Mrs Monkley
Year 2	Miss Fowler	Mrs Hillard
Year 3	Mr Gorman	Mrs Khan
Year 4	Mrs Simonson	Mrs Jankowski
Year 5	Miss Hudson	Mrs Foot
Year 6	Mr Frankland	Mrs Webb
Intervention	Miss Consterdine Mrs Clifford	Mrs Exley

Year Six

It has been a very strange time for everyone, but the year six pupils have missed out on their normal end of primary school transitions: the leaver's assembly, party after SATs plus many more key features in their final primary school year. To give our year six pupils the send-off they deserve, we would like **all** year six pupils to join us in school on Thursday 16th July. Our pupils will have a socially distanced party and will finish their day at 2pm so we can say farewell to them and their parents. If Year 6 pupils would like to bring a shirt in to be signed on 16th July, they can do so.

Virtual School Games Mark Award

We are very pleased to announce that St Michael's has been awarded both the Virtual School Games Mark Award and the Recognition Award which acknowledges the school's commitment to the school games programme before lockdown. This means Newcastle PE and School Sports Service has seen St Michael's engage, over social media, with sports games and challenges, to promote health and wellbeing. Well done to everyone involved in this brilliant achievement.



Communication

Our wonderful pupils continue to be such a miss in our school and our staff have loved their recent telephone conversations with those who are not attending. We care deeply about you and your family and want to help and support in any way we can. Please contact us if you require any assistance.

Once again- thank you for all that you are doing and for the support you are showing to each other and to our school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Chapman
Headteacher