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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a joy to see all our classes returning to school to begin a new school year together. Our children's smiling faces tell us how pleased they are to be back at St Michael's with their teachers and friends.

This letter will outline some of the new procedures and systems we have in school. These have been well thought out, with the safety of pupils and staff in mind. Reopening plans and risk assessments can be found on our school website. If you have any questions about any of the points in this letter, please contact the school office via email or telephone.

Start and Finish times

Staggered start and finish times have been introduced to minimise the number of children congregating in one area. The start and finish times for each class are listed below. **It is important that you bring your child at their allocated time.** If you have more than one child, you should drop all your children off at the time and gate allocated to your eldest child.

	Start	Finish
Nursery	9.30	2.30
Reception	9.15	2.45
Year 2/4/6	8.45	3.15
Year 3/5	9.00	3.00

Entering and Exiting the school

Please maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting your child. We politely request that only one adult drops off and picks up, and that you move away from the school grounds as quickly as you can to reduce the amount of contact that takes place between adults.

Breakfast Club

We aim to begin operating our breakfast club in the autumn term. However, we must firstly ensure that all pupils are familiar with our school hygiene systems and expectations before we do. If you would like your child to attend breakfast club when available, please contact the school office so we can make plans based on the number of children. Breakfast club will be based on a first come, first served basis.

PE

PE will commence in school from the week beginning 21st September. We ask that on your child's PE day, they have their PE kit in school and take it home that night to be washed, ready for the following week. St Michael's school PE kit is black shorts and a white t shirt. Your child can wear black tracksuit bottoms too in cold weather- no leggings please. They may also wear a PE hoodie if they have one. PE hoodies are available to order for all children from theschooloutfit.co.uk.

PE days are as follows:

Year 1/ Year 2- Monday

Year 3/ Year 4- Tuesday

Year 5/ Year 6- Wednesday



Homework and reading books

Children in Year 1-6 will be given weekly homework from next week (14.09.20). Homework is given out every Friday and is due back to school by a Tuesday.

Reading books will also be sent home in the coming weeks. Your child will be given a reading day. They are to bring their reading books and their reading record book to school on that day. Reading is an essential skill and in order to accelerate your child's progress, we ask that you listen to your child read at home and write a comment in their reading record book.

Medication

If your child requires medication in school, please bring it to the school office. A first aider will sign the medication in and update our school records.

Cleaning

We have increased the amount of cleaning on the school site throughout the day. This means that toilets, classrooms and shared spaces are cleaned more often and gives us an extra level of protection.

Staff news

Mrs Yeoman began her maternity leave in August after giving birth to a beautiful baby girl. We wish Mrs Yeoman and her husband well as they begin their new adventure as a family.

Mrs Simonson, our Year 4 class teacher, is currently absent from school. We send Mrs Simonson our best wishes and look forward to seeing her when she is able to return to school. I know how much she will be missing our wonderful children. In the meantime, Year 4 will be taught by Mrs Clifford and Miss Consterdine. Mrs Jankowski will still be the teaching assistant in Year 4.

Moving forward together...

I am really looking forward to the year ahead. I hope the safety measures in place give you confidence in your child's return to school. Our pupils' mental health and wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. We will strive to give your child a positive experience returning to school to ensure they continue to thrive and reach their potential.

I will continue to share newsletters and letters with you regularly to update you on school life and how we are operating.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs C Chapman
Headteacher