



Dear Parents and Carers,

Further information regarding Starting School in September

As September rapidly approaches, we are writing to you in order to give further guidance about arrangements in place for those children who will be joining our St Michael's Church School family in September 2020.

At St Michael's, we understand that our youngest children will need lots of support from home and school in order to adapt to coming into school and understand that school is an exciting place to be! With this in mind, we have put some measures in place for the first weeks of starting school for our EYFS children.

Coming into school

Each morning, parents and children will need to queue in a socially distanced manner, following markings, outside the school site at Entrance A. You will be met here at your child's allotted start time by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. You will then be led along the path to the metal fencing between the EYFS classrooms and the carpark. We will again ask parents to wait here with your children, socially distanced, until a member of the EYFS team invites your child to join them to walk into school. At this point we ask that you say goodbye to your child and remain at the fence to wave at your child as they walk in. Once your child is in the classroom, please exit the school site via Entrance A. The EYFS team are able to offer to take children by the hand in order to be of support to them coming into school.



The classroom environment

The EYFS team have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure classrooms are safe, engaging, fun, and most of all, inviting for the children. When your child enters the classroom, the team have planned a range of exciting activities, such as bubble machines, dancing and music to ensure children are as happy and comfortable as possible. During the first two weeks, as children settle into school, we will alternate between using both classrooms to ensure children have a good understanding of both spaces and all adults. The outside area will be open for children to use each day too!



What to bring

As previously explained, we are inviting children to bring a 'comfort toy' into school. This toy will need to be in a small plastic bag with your child's name clearly written on. This toy is only for your child to use in school and will not be shared with other children. They will then bring this toy home with them at the end of each day.



At this point in time, please ensure children coming to school in September only bring with them; a named coat, a named hat (if the weather is sunny) and a small bag with their chosen, named toy from home. A named water bottle will be provided and cleaned daily. During September, we will communicate with parents about when to bring book bags and any other required items.

School Uniform

We ask that children come to school wearing full school uniform in September. We have a separate uniform for PE, which the children wear to school twice a week. All uniform needs to be clearly named. More information about this can be found here <https://www.stmichaelschurchool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform+%26amp%3B+PE+kit&pid=56> on our school website. We will inform parents about which day's children will be required to wear their PE uniform on Friday 18th September, in line with classes and teacher information being sent home.

Tapestry

Please look out in your email inbox for a Tapestry activation link. This link may go to your junk folder as it will come from the Tapestry company, rather than the school. Our aim is that these activation links will arrive with you by the 4th September. This activation email will be sent to the email address you provided when completing your school registration forms. It is essential that you activate your accounts ASAP in order to receive updates about your child's time in school, as well as photographs of their busy learning and activities.

Further support



Finally, we have made an e-book to support children in starting school, please follow the link: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/217379> and enter the **password: S14**
We hope this book will provide you and your children with a good point for discussion and help their understanding of how much fun school can be!

We look forward to welcoming you all into school very soon.

Kind regards,

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