

Welcome back to school after what we hope has been a wonderful summer holiday for all. We hope everyone is feeling refreshed and raring to go! It has been lovely to see the children looking so wonderful and smart in their school uniforms and I have loved hearing all their news in assembly.

I pray and hope that this is a more settled year compared to the last 2 years we have had. There will be some notable changes to the way school will operate this year compared to last. Schools have been informed that 'Bubbles' are no longer necessary and we are no longer responsible for contact tracing from within school if a child tests positive. Whilst this is welcome news, we are still aware that the virus has not disappeared and like other schools on Wirral we are taking a cautious approach initially before returning to full normality.

It will now be a personal choice if you wish to wear a face covering on the school site.

Our play and lunch times will continue to be staggered but children will not be kept explicitly in set areas of the playground. Assemblies can happen more normally although there will not initially be any whole school assemblies. We will not be starting class assemblies until the Spring Term.

A full rota of clubs will resume as teachers will no longer need to stay with their own class bubbles for these. Further details about clubs will be sent out in a separate letter.

We will continue to actively practise good hygiene and children will still regularly wash their hands and sanitise. If your child is poorly and displaying Covid symptoms you will still be expected to keep them off school and take them for a PCR test.

We have updated our RISK ASSESSMENT in line with current National Guidance. This can be found on the 'Covid' page on our website. You will also find a CONTINGENCY PLAN which is also requested by the DFE in the event of a local outbreak.



We are delighted that a number of new children have joined St Michael's in classes across the school. We hope you will be very happy with us. Our first group of Reception children also started school yesterday and we look forward to having the whole class together very soon.

Welcome also to our two new class teachers, Mrs Brooks is our new Year 1 teacher and Miss Grossie is now the Foundation 2 class teacher. Mrs Lloyd has also started work as our '2 year old' Room Leader. They are all wonderful additions to our school.



DOGS should not be brought onto the

school site under any circumstances unless it is a Guide Dog.

ALL CHILDREN need a WATER Bottle in school. This will be sent



home each night to be cleaned.



to bring in a piece of fruit (healthy snack) to eat at break time. Foundation Stage children will be provided with fruit.

In Year 1 to 6 children are allowed

If you wish your child to have milk in school, please ensure this has been



paid for via Cool Milk. School Dinners cost £2.34 per day and can be paid for online.

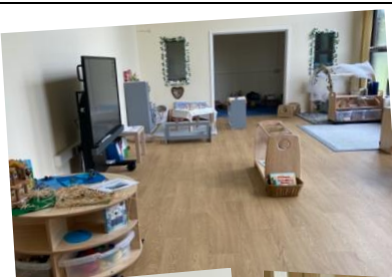
All children should be in the correct school uniform. No jewellery (except stud earrings) or make up allowed. All children should wear black shoes.	On PE Days, children can continue to come to school wearing their PE kit. This should be a plain navy tracksuit or the usual PE kit – shorts and t-shirt.	Emergency Contacts -If your details have changed over the summer, please notify the school office so we can update them on our system.
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Communication with Parents - SEESAW will continue to be used by teachers to share class news and information. If you have messages to pass on then this is a useful way of contacting your child's class teacher. However please remember to keep messages between 8:30am and 5pm as staff are not expected to answer messages outside of these hours. If you need to contact a teacher urgently or your message is very important then your first point of contact should always be via the School Office.

Big changes took place in our school Parish over the summer as Fr Chris unfortunately left us to move to the Cathedral. I know he will be missed greatly by the Parish and schools he served. He was a Governor here at St Michael's and loved our school and the children in it. There will be a final farewell mass on Friday 10th September at 7pm for Fr Chris.

Fr Niall has been appointed as our new Parish Priest and he officially started at the weekend. He moves to us from Ellesmere Port. We look forward to getting to know him and working with him and will enjoy giving him a St Michael's welcome very soon.



We are super excited that our '2 year old' provision has finally opened. It looks amazing and Mrs Lloyd is very excited to get going with the children. Covid massively delayed the opening and so we are just so happy to have finally reached this point! If you are interested in a



place or know anyone looking for a place in either our '2 year old' room or Nursery Class, please contact the School Office.



End of Day Arrangements - Please make your child's new class teacher is aware of who can pick your child up at the end of the school day. Only Year 6 children are allowed to walk home on their own if parents have signed a permission slip to allow them to do this. Children in other year groups should be collected by an adult.

SCHOOL DATES 2021-22

Please be aware of our term dates which are available on the school website. We will NOT authorise any holidays during term time and any holidays taken will result in a penalty notice. They have missed so much learning time over the last 2 years so every day in school is precious this year! Next week, I will send out a list of DATES for the DIARY.