

Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you all had a fantastic summer. To see the school community back together again and looking so smart, with so many smiling and enthusiastic faces, is really inspiring for us all to see.

During the break, we have been busy making improvements to our school environment. Our new Year 2 and Year 6 classrooms have been redecorated and refurbished. The Base has also been refurbished and we have a new meeting room. There has been lots of further decoration, cleaning and tidying work. The school looks beautiful and Mr Henry has worked tirelessly to get everything ready for today!

The children as always have settled quickly into their new classes and all appear excited for the new school year and all the learning opportunities and new experiences they will engage with.



Some important reminders..... **WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL**

All children have today been provided with a free water bottle as they are every term. They are coming home with this water bottle tonight which is however different to usual practice. Previously staff or the children themselves (if junior children) have been cleaning and refilling the water bottles each day but we have reviewed this process following recent health and safety advice and will no longer be able to wash children's water bottles on a daily basis.

We are therefore asking that all children bring a water bottle to school with them each day. This can be any bottle at all as long as it is **clearly labeled** with their name. You can

refill and keep sending in the one we have sent home today if this is easier. We will also sell water bottles like the one sent home today for 30p from the school office incase children need to buy one. Children will still be allowed to refill their bottles in school if they need to. Water bottles will be sent home at the end of each day so that it can be washed and returned to school again the following morning. We request that these drinks bottles contain water only please and **not other drinks**.

Attendance & Punctuality

We cannot emphasise the importance of children being in school on time everyday enough. When your child is late for school or absent they miss vital learning time. Good attendance and punctuality will be a high priority for us this year and we aim to reach our whole school target of 96%.

School Dinners - If you pay for school dinners the money must be paid in advance to the school office. The cost of a dinner is **£2.30** which is a slight increase from last year.

Milk - If you wish your child to have milk in school, please ensure this has been paid for via Cool Milk.



School Website - Remember to keep up to date with all the latest school information via our school website. We now also have a facebook page. Our twitter feed is another source of useful information.

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www.smaaawirral.com Twitter: [@smaaanews](https://twitter.com/smaaanews)

School Uniform (please see our school uniform policy on our website)

Boys

Blue St Michael and All Angels Sweatshirt
Blue or white polo shirt
Grey or black trousers (shorts in the summer - optional)
Grey or black socks
Appropriate Black footwear – no flip flops or shoes with wheels

Girls

Blue St Michael and All Angels Sweatshirt or Cardigan
Blue or white polo shirt
Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
Grey tights or socks
Appropriate Black footwear - no flip flops or shoes with wheels
Blue and white gingham dress in the summer (optional)

PE Kit

Plain white T-shirt
Blue Shorts
Black Pumps for Indoor PE
KS2 children will also need a tracksuit & trainers for outdoor PE

NO JEWELLERY is permitted except stud earrings but these must be removed or covered during PE sessions.

**NO extreme hair cuts e.g. tram lines and Mohican hairstyles
Make up should not be worn in school**

Please ensure ALL uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Emergency Contacts

If your details (address, phone numbers etc.) have changed over the summer, please notify the school office so we can update them on our systems. This is vital in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

If you ever have any concerns, worries or suggestions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Bennison, Mrs Young or myself. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs S Ralph



After-school Clubs

A new programme of after-school clubs will start next week. Staff give up their time to run these clubs voluntarily and I am very grateful to them all. If your child is attending a club please ensure that you collect them from the correct exit on time.



Safeguarding

Please make your child's new class teacher aware of who can pick your child up at the end of the school day. If this changes during the year please notify them.

Only Year 6 children are allowed to walk home on their own and parents must sign a permission slip to allow them to do this. Children in other year groups should be collected by an adult (the government defines this as 16 years+).

