



St. Michael's

Church of England Primary Academy

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Autumn Term 2 - Covid Precautions and Festive Highlights

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The final two weeks are upon us and Thursday 16th December is fast approaching! However, before we break-up for Christmas, there are a few key messages I need to share.

Covid Precautions

On Sunday 28th November, the government announced a tightening of Covid restrictions, followed by the Department for Education. As a result, we must ask **all adults to wear a mask when on the school site**. This includes when collecting your child from the playground at the end of the day.

Your child **MUST NOT** come to school if they have **ONE** of the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature with a thermometer)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if your child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste** – this means your child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child has any of the above symptoms, they must **stay at home and get a PCR test**. If they get a negative result, they can return to school immediately. You will be asked to present your confirmation email or text message to the school office.

Christmas Festivities

Unfortunately, parents cannot be invited on site to attend any of our Christmas events due to Covid precautions. While I understand this is disappointing, please note, pupils will be participating in many traditional Christmas events!

- Thursday 9th December - Christmas Cantata: Years 3 to 6 will perform a musical recital of the Christian story of Christmas.
- Friday 10th December - Christmas jumper day: Pupils are encouraged to wear the most garish Christmas jumper possible to school!
- Wednesday 15th December - Carol performance and Christmas dinner
- Thursday 16th December - House reward afternoon

Key dates:

Last day of term: Thursday 16th December, 2021

Return to school: Tuesday 4th January, 2022

Our Values: Community, Aspirations, Learning and Love



Swimming

During next term (January to April), Year 5 will attend weekly swimming lessons at Handsworth Leisure Centre. They will walk to swimming, accompanied by three members of staff. On the day of swimming, they should wear their school uniform as normal and bring their swimming kit and towel in a bag. They should also bring a coat to wear while walking to the baths. **SWIMMING IS PART OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM. CHILDREN MUST PARTICIPATE. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OPT OUT.**



Family Support - support@stmich21.bham.sch.uk

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

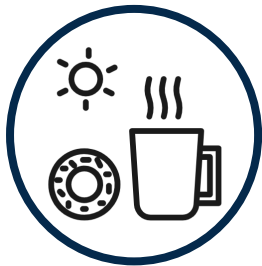
Life is not always plain sailing. Life is not always simple. Life is full of challenges. Our values of Love and Community underpin our actions as a school. We are here to help. If you need support with food, please ask. If you need support with application forms, please ask. If you need support with an area of your life, please ask.

You can speak to Mr Hynan, Mr Martin or Mrs Begum. Alternatively, please email support@stmich21.bham.sch.uk and we will get back to you.



Report Cards

The next half-termly report card will be sent home on Wednesday 15th December. Please speak to your child's teacher if there is anything on the report card that you wish to discuss in greater detail.



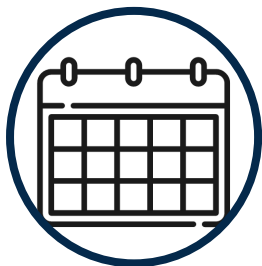
Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available daily to all pupils and provides pupils with a nutritious meal at the start of a big day of learning. Pupils wishing to attend Breakfast club must enter school via the Piers Road entrance between 8:00am and 8:30am.

START: 8:00am

LAST ADMISSION: 8:30am

ENTRANCE: Piers Road



Autumn Term: Key Dates

We break up on:	Thursday 16th December, 2021
We return to school on:	Tuesday 4th January, 2022

February Half-term: Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February

School is closed on Thursday 5th May as our building is being used as a polling station.

