

12th January 2022

Dear Parents & Cares

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back into school last week and as we start the new Spring Term and a New Year together, I want to welcome our new families to our Nursery and the staff that have joined us this term.

As we mentioned in our class letter, we are delighted that we have Mrs Bidmead join us as part of the teaching team this term. As an experienced early years teacher, who both myself and Miss Grant have worked with before, it feels as if Mrs Bidmead has always been here and she is already a firm favourite with the children! She brings a wealth of expertise to the role and we are lucky to have such an experienced teacher to support St Michael's on our journey as we move forward.

We have also welcomed Mrs Burton to the St Michael's administrator role. Mrs Burton is working closely with Mrs May to give St Michael's more capacity as we grow. Mrs Burton will be in school each morning and we know you will welcome her as many will already know her as one of our school families.

We are lucky to have a student teacher Miss Matthews with us this term who has previously worked in local nurseries and this has given our team even more opportunities to develop the excellent early years provision and practice we have in school.

We have begun the term with our first experience of Coronavirus cases in school and I want to again thank you for all your support and care for each other at this time.

As the majority of our children are under 5 we cannot rely on LFT tests to alert us to new cases as there is not an expectation that young children will get tested. Your child may be unwell and this may signal you to get a test if you so choose, but we would ask that if they are unwell that they isolate for 7 days to restrict the spread.

If your child does not have any symptoms and is well then please do continue to send them to school. We are doing all we can to ensure that there is as least disruption as possible to their education and ensure that even with staff absences the day-to-day experiences for the children remain unaffected.

As a small school with just one class, we already exist in our own 'bubble' and have daily contact with each other, we do have enhanced cleaning during the day and children wash their hands when they come into school and before snack and lunch.

We are lucky that we are supported by the Trust and have been able to cover any staff absences with support from the teaching teams across our other schools, so we are able to remain open and the children receive the same high quality early years provision despite any staff illness.



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Please do get in touch if you have any concerns or questions, it is important that we keep the communication and parent partnership strong particularly at this time.

I wanted to leave you with some parent feedback that we received at the end of term that I feel this really celebrates what we have achieved together and supports our values and our school vision:

'The future we create everyday'

Kind Regards

J Edwards

Mrs Edwards
Head of Academy

My child loves St Michael's and has made great friends already. Thank you to all the staff for making her school experience so happy!

Thank you, St Michael's, for being everything we hoped and more. My son absolutely loves attending and adores his new found friends.

Thank you so much to everyone at St Michael's, my child absolutely loves school, all her teachers and friends. Best decision we ever made!

My child is always so happy when he is at school. What a fantastic team and group of children and parents.

Thanks to all the staff for the hard work in making these happy events so enjoyable and successful. I would also like to thank Mrs Edwards and her team for their professionalism, patience and kindness during my child's transition from home to school.