



30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring term. I would like to thank you for all your support during this very challenging time, for all the hard work on Google Classroom and supporting your children with their transition back to face to face learning. There are many challenges that we will have to face as we work towards some sort of normality moving forward, but we will no doubt all try our best to work together for the good of each and every child in the school.

As we finish school this week, it is also the start of Holy Week, I would like to wish you and your family and happy and holy Easter.

*May the glory  
and the promise  
of this joyous time of year  
bring peace  
and happiness to you  
and those you hold most dear.*

*And may Christ,  
Our Risen Saviour,  
always be there by your side  
to bless you  
most abundantly  
and be your loving guide.*

### **Easter Holidays**

The school will be closing for the Easter holidays on **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**. There will be a staggered finish for pupils as follows:

**Nursery - 11:30 (usual) time**

**Reception - 1:30 pm**

**Years 1 and 2- 1:40 pm**

**Years 3 and 4 - 1:40 pm**

**Years 5 and 6 - 1:50 pm**

Children will be collected in the usual manner there is just a change to the collection time.

**School will reopen on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time.**

If your child develops symptoms or tests positive for coronavirus over the Easter holidays please contact the school immediately at [admin@st-michaels.newham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-michaels.newham.sch.uk)

### **New Caters - Olive Dining**

From Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, we will have new caters providing lunch for the school; the company is called Olive Dining. We have met with them to look at the needs of the school and explore menu options for the children. Please see attached introductory letter, the new menus are available on the school's website.

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/school-menu.pdf>

### **School Uniform**

As we move into the summer term, please ensure that your child is wearing the summer school uniform and that the uniform fits your child appropriately. Please check the school's website for a reminder on the school uniform <https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

The uniform supplier is Ian Howard; due to current covid restrictions the shop is closed however orders can be placed on line or via our dedicated text hotline number 07852696660. <https://www.ianhowardschoolwear.com/>

### **Mask/Face Covering**

Please remember that we are asking all parents to wear a mask or face covering while dropping off and collecting their child each day to keep us all safe.

### **Lateral Flow (Rapid) Covid Tests**

School staff have had access to weekly lateral flow (rapid) testing since February. This is to help stop the spread of the virus by identifying asymptomatic people who are positive. As a part of the government initiative to further support this you can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school, nursery or college pupil
- works in a school, nursery or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)
- works in an [occupation related to a school, nursery or college](#)

A test kit contains 7 tests. You can order one test kit per household each day.

A flatshare or house share counts as a household.

### **Who this service is for**

You can only use this service if:

- you're 18 or older
- you live in England
- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you or someone in your household, childcare or support bubble attends a primary school, a nursery, a secondary school, a sixth form, a college, or works at one
- you cannot get tests from a test site or your work

Test kits can be ordered at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

### **Reading Books**

We have returned to sending reading books home to support the children's home learning and the development of their reading skills. As a result, children will bring home reading books on Monday each week that needs to be returned on Thursday; books will only be collected on Thursdays. Any books that are returned after that date may not be changed.

### **Let's Get Active**

From the 19th to 30th April 2021 the school will be taking part in the Big Pedal, encourage your child(ren) to take active journeys to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way. Or, if your child(ren) are learning from home, take active journeys from home with them or encourage them to do physical activity on as many days as possible instead.

God Bless,



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