



13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

This Sunday was Education Sunday, an opportunity to reflect on Catholic education. Bishop Alan reaffirms his vision with us in his letter that many of us heard during this weekend's Mass (please see attached Bishop's letter).

### **Term dates for 2021-22**

Please see attached the term dates for this academic year. These can also be found on the school website at <https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/our-school/term-and-holiday-dates/>. There has been a change to one of the inset days which is now on the 1<sup>st</sup> November instead of the 21<sup>st</sup> February as originally planned.

### **Religious Education (RE) Newsletter**

Please see attached the RE newsletter with the topics that the children are covering in Religious Education for the Autumn term.

### **Birthdays**

Now that restrictions are easing, we are reintroducing some of our previous system, one very important one is celebrating birthdays. We will celebrate with your child on his/her birthday, but as we are a healthy school, children may bring in a healthy snack, such as raisins, fruit bags etc. to share with their class mates at the end of the day. Please do not send any party bags, sweets or cakes in on their birthday as these will be returned to you.

### **Staffing 2021-22**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	<b>Support staff</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Mrs Hatziefstratiou / Ms Kiyani	Ms Lara
<b>Reception</b>	Ms Bohane	Ms Nessa
<b>Class 1</b>	Mrs Donald	Mrs Woolward
<b>Class 2</b>	Ms Alexander	Mrs Charlery
<b>Class 3</b>	Mrs Davies	Mrs Isaacs
<b>Class 4</b>	Mrs Edgar-Charles	Mrs Kalyabe
<b>Class 5</b>	Ms Samson	Ms Harvey
<b>Class 6</b>	Mrs Corriette	Mr Balkeesoon

We warmly welcome Ms Lara who joins us as a teaching assistant in Nursery and Year 1, Mrs Edgar-Charles who is currently the teacher in year 4 and Miss Alexander who is currently the

teacher in year 2 and the Acting Assistant Headteacher. The governors decided to add an additional role for an Assistant Headteacher for this academic year to support Ms Pereira and myself in continuing to improve various areas across the curriculum.

### School Day

The school times are back to the pre Covid-19 times as seen below. We will continue to use the Arthur Road exit to try to avoid congestion and large groups of adults and children together.

Class	Timings	Location
Nursery	8:30 am - 11:30 am	Drop off via Nursery gate Leave via Nursery gate
Reception to Year 6	8:40 am - 3:15 pm	Drop off at main gate Howard Road Leave via Arthur Road or Howard Road exit

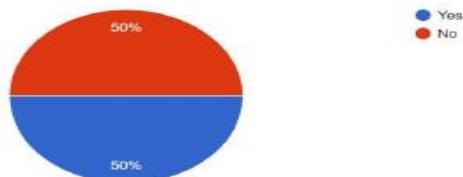
### Uniform Consultation

At the end of the previous academic year, we wrote to parents to let them know the outcome of the uniform consultation; I realize that letter went out late in the term and many parents may have missed it. Equally, there might be some confusion because it may not have been as clear previously that the blazer was a compulsory part of the uniform, however I am hoping that moving forward the uniform expectations are more clearly communicated.

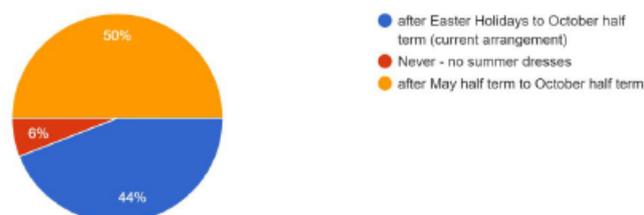
In June, there was a consultation regarding the school's current uniform, we had 86 responses as a part of the consultation (out of 165 families). The outcome of the consultation is below:

### 86 responses

Do you feel that blazers should remain compulsory for children in years 1 - 6  
86 responses



Do you feel Summer dresses should be part of the uniform from:  
84 responses



This information was considered by the school governors in their last meeting for the academic year in July. The governors are responsible for approving the school's policies and procedures. The response to blazers remaining compulsory was equal. Although, the response preferred an

option towards summer dresses from Easter to October half term, after a robust discussion, the governors felt that both boys and girls should be treated equally in terms of the uniform expectations. They also did not want to cause any additional costs for the purchase of summer dresses for parents of girls. The decision that was made by governors is included below:

- The school blazer will remain compulsory for Year 1 to year 6, however the jumper/cardigan will be an optional part of the school's uniform that is worn in the winter.
- The summer dresses will not continue, girls can wear the same uniform all year round and simply wear short sleeve shirts, shorts and/or socks instead of tights during the warmer months.

The school uniform expectations can be found on our school's website at <https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

#### **Meet the Teacher Meetings:**

To support parents/carers to better understand the curriculum their child will be learning and how to support their child at home, we will have meet the teacher meetings as follows:

- Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September -year 2
- Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September - year 6 and year 1

**The year 5 meeting has been rescheduled and parents will be notified of the new date.**

All meetings will be in the classroom except for year 6, which will be in the hall; the meetings will start at 3:30pm.

God Bless.



N. Scott

Executive Head Teacher