



31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Easter Prayer**

Father, we praise You for sending Your Son to abide with us and be with us. Life can feel lonely, but the fact is, we are never alone. That is a truth we can cling to during our darkest times.

Thank you for giving us the grace to release our failed efforts and bottled-up emotions to You, free of judgment and full of healing love.

Forgive us for walking through life without the joy that Jesus died to fill our hearts with. Help us to find You in the hard moments of life, and remember the comfort and truth of Your promises during seasons of suffering.

Jesus, You never leave us, and always guide us. Who we are becoming is no secret to You, You who formed us in our mother's womb. You came down to earth to save us, love us, and show us how to live. May we chase after You all of our days, and experience the rich and irreplaceable peace that allows us to overcome, to walk victorious, and to hold onto hope. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### **Ofsted**

As I am sure you are aware the school had a Section 8 Ofsted inspection on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March. When Ofsted has judged a school to be good, they will then normally go into the school about once every 4 years to confirm that the school remains good and that safeguarding is effective. This is called a section 8 inspection of a good school.

We will share Ofsted's findings and full report about St Michael's after the Easter break.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you for those of you who took the time to complete the parent surveys. We are delighted to see all the positive feedback from parents; however we also understand that there is a lot we can do to improve the experience for both parents and pupils. We will be looking particularly at how we can improve communication with parents and find a balance between the needs of various parents in regards to how often we communicate. Equally, we realize that we need to look at our offer of wider opportunities at St Michael's so that the children are experiencing more visits and after school clubs.

Please see attached the survey results.

### **Parents' Conference Meetings**

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents' conference meetings this week; it is always a great opportunity to strengthen the vital partnership between home and school.

### **Summer Term**

The summer term begins on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for all pupils as normal. Please note that all school dates are also available on the school website if you are unsure of school dates and times.

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/>

### **Bank Holidays**

Please be aware that there is an additional bank holiday for the King's Coronation on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, therefore there will be no school on this day. This is in addition to the usual bank holiday on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

### **School Uniform**

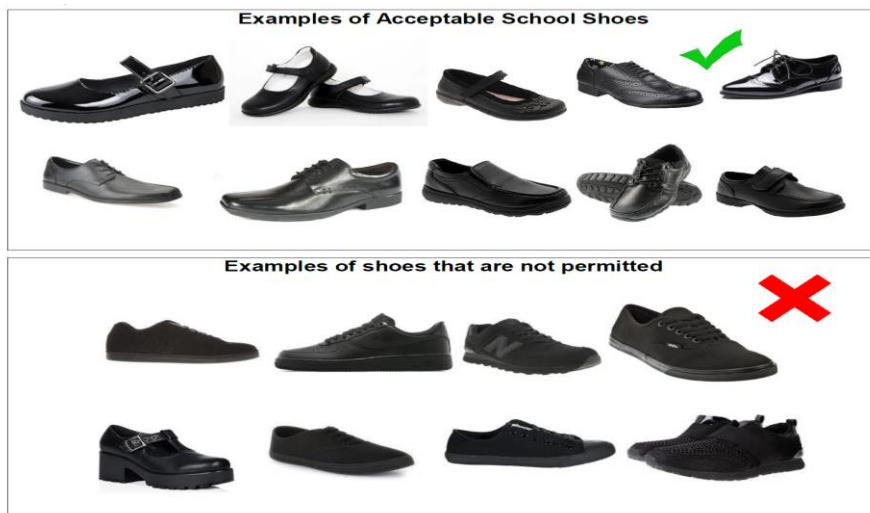
Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps pupils to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare the children for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

There are a number of children who are not wearing the correct school uniform. It is important that all children are compliant with the uniform expectations. I would like to remind parents that the children should be wearing school shoes not trainers or boots; hair beads are also not permitted as a part of the school uniform.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference  
<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

We will be issuing reminder letters to children who are not wearing the correct uniform to remind parents and ask that you support the school by ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform each day.

As you replenish your child's school uniform over the next few months and in September please be aware of acceptable school shoe. Please be aware that boots are not acceptable school shoes. We allowed boots during the period of snow and ice, however children need to return to wearing their school shoes.



### **Health Snack (Years 3-6)**

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) provides a free piece of fruit or veg to every 4-6 year-old in primary school. We would like to encourage parents of children from years 3-6 to provide a healthy snack for your child for break time. This can be fruit, a healthy cereal bar, etc.; this helps to re-fuel the children mid-way through the morning.

### **Parent Advice and Support**

We are in difficult times and need to try to support each other as best as we can. The school website has an advice and support section with links to organizations that can provide legal advice, debt management advice and food banks.

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/advice-and-support/>

If you need further advice or support please go to the school office and request an appointment with a member of the senior leadership team.

### **Newham Libraries**

There are ten libraries across Newham, each offering a range of services and community activities. As well as a fantastic selection of books and other reading material of course. **The libraries also provide free computer and internet access.**

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries-arts-culture/newham-library-services>

God Bless,



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