



St Michael's Junior Church School

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19th June 2020

Dear new Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the St Michael's family and I hope you are all safe and well. This has been such a challenging time but we are excitedly looking forward to September, whatever may come at us in between!

Please find enclosed a lot of paperwork! Please complete return to St Michael's ASAP altogether in the envelope. We cannot provide your FREE uniform until ALL forms are returned. Remember this is a polo-shirt, jumper or cardigan, PE kit and bag AND a book bag. Fair trade for a few forms! We can also then start communicating with you more directly via text message and signposting you to information on our website and facebook/ twitter. An updated prospectus will be ready for September.

I know that many of you have been asking about transition and usually we would have had your children on site a few times by now. Twerton infants have stated: *Sadly, we will not have any staff available to accompany children down to St Michael's for bubble visits.* Those joining us from other schools, will also appreciate the difficulties in sending staff from other sites. Therefore, we will be unable to offer the amount and format of transition sessions we had planned. However, we have ensured we have kept Mrs Boyce, your child's class teacher free from a group (bubble) during our wider re-opening to all year groups. She can be available to meet your children and also provide some online or printed transition activities for you as well. We are in the process of setting you up on Microsoft teams, our online learning platform. Details to follow.

As we don't yet know what Government guidelines will be in September, we have asked Twerton infants to split the children into 2 groups. If your child currently attends a different school, they have still been allocated a group. This means, if in September guidelines are still the same, we can get up and running as soon as possible and run 2 groups (bubbles). We have also employed an additional teaching assistant to increase support for Year 3 throughout the academic year. The class will have access to 2 classrooms and will utilise our outdoor space to help the children settle back in to school routines as soon as is possible.

We are planning a face to face meet and greet session on the school site for you and your child to meet Mrs Boyce and see the main Year 3 classroom. Following Government guidelines, this can be no longer than 15 minutes and must be done in a socially distant way. You will be allocated a day and time slot to attend. We also would like to plan some short outdoor sessions

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and you will need to stay with your child as there are no available staff from your current settings. These will likely be a story time session but we are also looking at maybe a forest school type session. The children could then see some of the other outdoor areas of the school. We are currently planning these and submitting risk assessments to be signed off before we can proceed. Again these will be in your child's allocated group of half of the group to ensure we can follow social distancing measures.

I hope this letter reassures you that we are planning to provide as much transition as is possible in these unprecedented times. Mrs Boyce will be calling all of you over the next few weeks anyway but please contact the school and request a call back with any urgent questions not answered in this letter. This may not be immediately as although Mrs Boyce is not attached to a group (bubble), as member of SLT she still leads the site for part of every week and is still setting and reviewing daily learning for her current Year 3 class.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Greene
Headteacher

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