

CHR/BAP
18th July 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of what has been a turbulent year for St Michael's, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and co-operation. Yet again, this academic year saw the need for the St Michael's community to continue to demonstrate resilience following the sad loss of our much-loved Headteacher, Mrs Gray, and I am honoured and privileged to have been chosen to build upon her successes.

With the lifting of COVID restrictions, it has been heartwarming to see the resumption of normal activities, and I hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities that students have undertaken this term in our separate school newsletter, which you will receive this week.

The majority of students have continued to wear their school uniform with pride this year and have been a credit to you and our school; our uniform allows them to feel part of the school and have a sense of belonging. We will continue to be very vigilant about ensuring our students wear their uniform correctly and, attached to this letter, is a copy of the school's dress code to help you when buying school wear over the summer. A copy of the equipment list is also included. Staff will be checking all equipment and uniform from the first day back in September, and we thank you for your support with this. **Please note, it has been agreed to discontinue the wearing of PE kit on PE days from September 2022; all students should arrive in full school uniform every day and be prepared to change to and from their PE kit during PE lessons.** You should also be aware that, as from September, the 12-month grace period for school skirts has expired and **only the official St Michael's skirt with logo** should be worn. The school encourages parents/carers to recycle any unwanted school uniform and regularly requests the donation of items that are clean and with plenty of wear left in them. Anyone wishing to acquire items of second-hand uniform should ask at the school Reception.

Evidence shows that students who have excellent attendance and punctuality make far better progress and achieve better grades. Whilst we accept that there are rare times when absence from school cannot be avoided, there is an expectation that your child will have 100% attendance and, in line with the government directive, **holidays in school time will not be authorised.** We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and that they arrive by 8:35 am for the start of the school day.

Also attached are the dates for the next academic year. Arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term 2022 are as follows:

Tuesday 6th September 2022
Years 7 and 11 only: arrive at normal time

Wednesday 7th September 2022
All year groups: arrive at normal time

May I wish you all a very enjoyable summer, and I look forward to continuing working together next year to support your children to achieve their full potential.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Handy-Rivett
Headteacher

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St Michael's Uniform

1.1 Boys' uniforms

Boys' uniforms are as follows:

- White shirt with shirt collar
- School tie
- Plain navy blue V-neck pullover (this is optional)
- Navy blue blazer with school badge
- Plain black full-length, straight-legged school trousers that hang from the waist. Boot cut, drainpipe, tight, tapered or turn up style trousers are not permitted. Trousers containing denim or Lycra are not permitted. Adornments, including zips (ornamental or pocket), are not permitted
- Belts should be black without any adornment, for example, studs, sequins, glitter etc. and should be worn to support trousers rather than as an additional fashion accessory
- Black ankle socks. Trainer socks are not permitted
- Appropriate outdoor coat in navy blue, black or grey. Coats must not be worn inside the building
- All pupils inside the building are expected to wear their blazer and tie, with their shirt tucked into their trousers
- Hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted on the school site

1.2 Girls' uniforms

Girls' uniforms are as follows:

- White shirt/blouse with shirt collar
- School tie
- Plain navy blue V-neck pullover (this is optional)
- Navy blue blazer with school badge
- Plain black full-length school trousers that hang from the waist. Boot cut, drainpipe, tight, tapered or turn up style trousers are not permitted. Trousers containing denim or Lycra are not permitted. Adornments, including zips (ornamental or pocket), are not permitted
- Official St Michael's skirt with school logo. Please note this is the only skirt allowed
 - When wearing a skirt, plain black ankle or knee socks, or 80-100 denier black tights must be worn. Trainer socks are not permitted
- Belts should be black without any adornment, for example, studs, sequins, glitter etc. and should be worn to support trousers rather than as an additional fashion accessory
- Appropriate outdoor coat in navy blue, black or grey. Coats, hooded sweatshirts or tank tops must not be worn inside the building
- All pupils inside the building are expected to wear their blazer and tie, with their shirt tucked into their trousers or skirt
- Hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted on the school site

1.3 Footwear

- Suitable formal, black, low-heeled shoes should be worn by girls and boys
- Open-toed, backless shoes, trainers or pumps are not permitted
- Boots are not permitted
- Vans, Converse, Nike Air Force or similar are not permitted
- Stitching, logos, motifs, adornments or colours are not permitted

1.4 Jewellery

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings, one in each ear lobe – no other facial, body or tongue piercings are permitted. Rings, zips, chains, wide belts, bars or ear stretchers are NOT permitted.
- Clear plastic retainers are not permitted

- A smart/sensible wristwatch. Smartwatches, e.g., iWatch or Fitbit are not permitted to be worn or brought into school
- A single plain ring may be worn
- A single plain necklace (e.g., a cross and chain) may be worn but this must not be on show
- Bracelets should not be worn unless for religious reasons
- Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded or replaced

1.5 Make-up

- False nails and nail extensions are not permitted
- False eyelashes are not permitted
- Nail varnish is not permitted
- No make-up is allowed to be worn
- Fake tan is not permitted
- Pupils wearing make-up will be required to remove it or, if appropriate, will be sent home to remove it

1.6 Hairstyles and headgear

- Hair should be neat and smart
- Hair should be a single, natural colour, no shorter than a grade 2
- No extreme styles, including 'tramlines', sculpting, shaving, patterns or undercuts
- Hair adornments are not permitted
- Use of gels or styling products should be minimal
- Bandanas, durags or baseball caps are not permitted
- Hairbands, scrunchies and toggles must be plain, navy blue or black only
- Headscarves should be navy blue or black and conform to the requirements below:
 - the fabric should be lightweight and plain black or navy blue and the headscarf must be securely folded. This conforms to the health and safety and school requirements
 - the headscarf must be worn so that the collar and tie can be seen clearly. It should not be worn with headbands, brooches, shadow stripes, patterns, logos, embellishments, diamantes, tassels or other colours
 - a photographic example of the above criteria for headscarves is available upon request
- Turbans must be plain black or navy blue and unadorned

1.7 School bags

- A school bag is compulsory
- Pupils must use an appropriately sized, navy blue, black or grey waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold A4-sized workbooks and PE kit comfortably without causing any damage
- Small cross-body or handbags are not permitted

1.8 School equipment

The following basic school equipment is **compulsory** and pupils must bring this into school every day, for every lesson:

- Helix geometry set and calculator. This is available to purchase from school via Parentpay at a cost of £10.00. The set contains:
 - a clear pencil case
 - a scientific calculator (CASIO FX-83GTX)
 - a full geometry set
 - a pencil
 - a compass
 - an eraser
 - a Sharpener

- Black pen
- Red pen
- Ruler (30cm)

If the Helix geometry set (containing the scientific calculator) is not purchased, you will require:

- a scientific calculator (CASIO FX-83GTX)
- a pencil
- an eraser
- a sharpener
- a protractor
- a compass

The following school equipment is advisable:

- highlighter
- colour crayons

1.9 Subscriptions

- 5-year subscription to Hegarty Maths. This is available to purchase from school via Parentpay at a cost of £4.00

1.10 Subject-specific equipment

- Apron for Design Technology (this is optional)

1.11 Technology

- Headphones and earphones are not permitted inside the school building
- The use of mobile phones is not permitted inside the school building. Mobile phones must not be visible during the school day
- Handheld gaming consoles, VR headsets and tablets are not permitted

2. PE Kit

2.1 It is a legal requirement that all children participate in PE lessons. Students must have their PE kit in school at all times and are required to change into their PE kit for PE lessons.

2.2 It is optional whether to add initials to the PE kit. This has been added as a choice to help reduce the amount of kit that is lost within school. PE kits for boys and girls are as follows:

- St Michael's navy blue polo shirt with school badge
- St Michael's navy blue shorts
- St Michael's navy blue tracksuit bottoms or plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- St Michael's navy blue training top/sweatshirt with school badge.
- Plain navy blue waterproof/showerproof jacket
- Plain black, white, navy or grey trainers
- St Michael's navy blue football socks with white trim at the top and St Michael's embroidered
- Moulded studded boots/Astro trainers (not metal studs) and basketball boots can only be worn during the specific sporting activity and should be brought into school in a bag

2.3 Parents are responsible for ensuring their child brings their PE kit to school when required and that it is labelled with their child's name.

2.4 Please note: students will participate in football and hockey on AstroTurf, so moulded, studded boots are recommended.

3. School Planner

- 3.1 In preparing for learning, all students must come to school equipped with a bag, pencil, ruler, eraser, and their planner. Student planners are one of the first points of communication between home and school and an aid to every pupil's organisational development. Parents are asked to check and sign them on a regular basis and do not hesitate to raise any issues that may need to be addressed with the appropriate staff.

Appendix a - Uniform and PE Kit Exemplars



Appendix b – School Shoe Exemplars



Appendix c –Suppliers

St Michael's uniform is available from the following suppliers:

Gogna

Junction 2 Industrial Estate

Unit 1B Demuth Way

Oldbury

B69 4LT

0121 523 5572

<https://www.gogna.me/>

A Oakes Ltd

Oakend House

174-180 Vicarage Road

Oldbury

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0121 552 1684