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New Parents - Frequently Asked Questions

Uniform: What uniform do the children wear and where do we buy it?

Information about school uniform can be found on our school website: <https://www.st-michaels-helston.org/>

Click on <https://www.st-michaels-helston.org/parentpay-uniform-links/> Here you will find the list of school uniform together with a link to our online uniform shop: www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stmichaelsprimary

This information is also included in the EYFS Booklet, available on our website:

<https://stmichaelscofeprimaryschoolcornwall.secure-primariesite.net/new-parents-reception-2021-22/>

The deadline for ordering uniform for guaranteed delivery by September, is **Sunday 1st August**.

Class teachers: Who will be my child's class teacher in September?

Miss Davies and Miss Care, the Reception teachers, have sent cards to all the children in their class to let them know who their teacher is.

Breakfast and Afterschool club: How do they operate and how do we book?

EarlyBirds Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8.00am. Dragon's Club, our after school club, runs from 3.20pm-5.30pm (5.00pm on Fridays) Details about breakfast and after-school club, how to book and prices can be found on the school website:

Click on <https://www.st-michaels-helston.org/wraparound-childcare-1/>

Will children from the same nurseries be in the same class to aid transition?

Children have been put in the same class with at least one preferred friend. Children attending the same nursery setting have been kept together in the same class wherever possible.

How does the school support children with speech and language needs?

At St Michael's there is a dedicated team of speech and language teaching assistants who work individually with those children who have been referred to a speech and language therapist.

All children on entry to school are assessed for any communication difficulties through a program called NELI - Nuffield Early Language Intervention. Any children that are identified as having any difficulties with communication are then given specialised group teaching, focusing on the area they need support with.

Starting school: How will the school day work in September?

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving. At St Michael's we are committed to following guidance from the Department of Education and supporting our children, families and communities in what is a challenging time for us all.

All school professionals are still waiting for the guidance from the government on how they want schools to operate in September. Behind the scenes the senior leadership team, the teachers and the support staff continue to meet (virtually) to discuss planning for the return of all children in the new academic year. Once the guidance is published and we have a comprehensive plan informed by this, we will share it with you. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to St Michael's.

Transitions: Will there be transition sessions for the children?

Due to the current situation classes are attending school in bubbles. Therefore, we are unable to carry out our usual transition sessions. However, we would like to invite you and your child to visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher and a few of their new friends. This will be after school to ensure that we can follow our school risk assessments and keep everyone safe. These sessions will last for 20 minutes in small groups. Please can we ask that children come with only **1** adult.

There will also be virtual/real home visits (depending on Covid restrictions) which will give you and your child the opportunity to ask any questions about starting school.

Safety: What measures will be in place to ensure our children's safety during the pandemic?

The leadership team at St Michael's follows the guidance issued from the Department of Education on how to ensure the safety of all those at the school. Currently all children are attending school in bubbles and all safety guidelines have been met. Staff will continue to follow and implement any new guidance as it appears from the government and this will be shared with you.