



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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*Our school values: Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*

Dear Parents

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## *Update on phased re-opening of school*

We reopened our doors to a small number of children of key workers last week. The week went smoothly and the procedures and risk assessments we had put in place worked well. Thank you to all those who helped keep our numbers low.

We are currently working on a plan to get some of Year 6 children back into school hopefully from 15 June. However, I must stress that this is a provisional plan at the moment. Many of you will have seen that the R Number in the North West is now above 1. Schools are being advised to proceed with caution. We will be monitoring the situation over the next few days and will act on any advice given by the Local Authority or Government. We do not plan to look at reintroducing any other year groups until the Year 6 children have returned and we are confident that it is safe to do so.

One of our most limiting factors we have at St. Michael's is the number of classroom and their shape and size. Based on this and the number of toilet facilities etc. our capacity is only 63 pupils at any one time in order to fully comply with social distancing rules.

## *End of Year Reports*

As you will know, because of the current pandemic we were forced to cancel our parent's evenings last term. Generally, we have these evenings in the Autumn and Spring term and then produce a written end of year report for each child in July.

Obviously, this year things are quite different, and as face to face meetings are not currently possible, we have made the decision to change the way we produce our written reports. Over the next few weeks you receive an email with your child's report attached: this is not an end of year report, but is an assessment of their attainment and progress at the end of the Spring term. This means that the attainment measures we have used will not be directly comparable to those given at the end of their previous year; they are instead a measure of where they were part way through the year in relation to end of year expectations. Please bear with us on this. This is the first time we have sent reports out in this way and it is likely to be quite time consuming. Therefore, not all reports will be sent out at the same time.

All year groups, apart from Reception, will also receive a second email containing an overview letter from your child's class teacher, explaining the topics covered throughout the year. The reason that Reception will not receive this is because the format of their report is quite different and much of the information is already covered in the body of the report.

We normally enclose a reply slip from parents to give you an opportunity to comment on your child's report or ask questions and also to acknowledge receipt of the report. This year we are asking that you reply via email to confirm you have received the report and also to take this opportunity to make any comments that you wish to.

Ordinarily we would also include a page written by the children themselves saying what they have enjoyed over the year and what they are proud of. Again, as this is not possible this year, it would be lovely if you could share your child's report with them and ask them what they have enjoyed the most.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Paisley', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Paisley  
Headteacher