

Parent Voice

Thank you to the parents that have accessed our email address and posted the following questions:

The children were not able to sit their SATs exams this summer. Does this mean they will be doing this at a later date in year 3 or are they cancelled entirely?

Will the children be put in sets for maths and English based on their ability or will the whole class be learning as a whole, as the group is small enough?

We notice you teach Spanish instead of French and we just assumed you taught French as their last school taught French. Is this something that is taught after school? Or do they have to learn Spanish?

Do you have many children attending St Michael's that go on to be accepted (after passing entrance exams) at KEGS?

I was just wondering if you could let us know how we set up a Parent Pay account so that we can pay for lunches etc.

In September are you having staggered start times and finish times for the different year groups or will it be arrive at 8.40am and leave at 3.20pm?

You can see that several questions have been raised so I would like to adopt the 'You said, We did' approach to answering these questions.

You said	We Did
The children were not able to sit their SATs exams this summer. Does this mean they will be doing this at a later date in year 3 or are they cancelled entirely?	No, they will not be doing them in year 3 and the Government has not yet published any suggestion that they will be completed at a later date.
Will the children be put in sets for maths and English based on their ability or will the whole class be learning as a whole as the group is small enough?	At St Michael's we set for maths only and this will be the same in September 2020. This is based on data that we have received from the Infant school. However due to Covid-19 and children returning to school having possibly not accessed schooling for 3 months this term, we will not be doing this until mid-September.
We notice you teach Spanish instead of French and we just assumed you taught French as their last school taught French. Is this something that is taught after school? Or do they have to learn Spanish?	At St Michael's we have been learning Spanish as our language of choice, since September 2017. We hope to continue to teach this in September 2020. We are pleased to say that Spanish is taught in KS3, in our feeder schools.
Do you have many children attending St Michael's that go on to be accepted (after passing entrance exams) at KEGS?	We have an 11+ club in year 5 and we have had a few children that have gone on to that school. This would be something to enquire about it in year 4 at the earliest.
I was just wondering if you could let us know how we set up a Parent Pay account so that we can pay for lunches etc.	The School Business Manager will ensure that all the ParentPay information will be sent to the Infant school, to be handed out on Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st July.

In September are you having staggered start times and finish times for the different year groups or will it be arrive at 8:40am and leave at 3:20pm?

You will receive a letter about the plans for September. The Year 3 children will start at 8:40am and finish school at 3:10pm to allow for staggered starts and finishes. However, on the first two days (Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September) the children will start at 9am and parents will be allowed to accompany them to their classrooms. The finish time will still be 3:10pm.

Every Thursday we will complete this document and publish it on the year 3 Welcome Page. However, please contact us at any time.

Kind Regards, Mrs Prigg