

# St. Michael's Church of England (VA) Junior School

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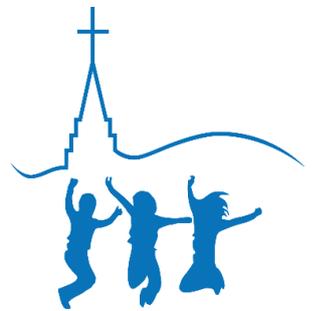
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St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, following the announcements made by the Government last week in relation to the 'Covid Roadmap' and the subsequent DfE guidelines received since, it has meant that I have had to reconsider our planned summer events. I appreciate that you will feel as equally saddened and disappointed as all the staff and children are, so we have spent considerable time trying to ensure that we carry on as much as we can with our planned events, whilst ensuring all of the children, staff and their families remain safe.

### **Year 3 Open afternoon – 28<sup>th</sup> June**

We intend to continue to run this event however there will be some slight changes, which will be communicated with you in a separate letter.

### **Year 5 taster days**

Both Moulsham High School and Great Baddow High School have cancelled these events, but we will continue to work closely with them if they offer an alternative.

### **Year 6 transition days**

As we receive the information from the Secondary schools, we will pass this onto the parents. Sadly, Great Baddow High School have confirmed that their dates have been cancelled. However, we had already planned with GBHS for current students to attend a Q and A session at St Michael's on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon.

### **Class swap afternoon and parents visiting the classroom after school – 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Your children will continue to meet their new teacher on the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> July. However, in line with the updated guidance and the restrictions on the numbers of parents in school, parents will be unable to come into school at 3.30pm. Each teacher will however send you a ten-minute FlipGrid video introducing themselves and sharing information of what to expect in the new year group. We will consider a different transition, early in September, in line with the Government guidance at the time.

### **Year 6 production**

Although restrictions do have to be put in place, the staff and I are really pleased that we can still have an audience of parents for the children. The children will be over the moon as I hope you will be!

The production will be performed on the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1:30pm (Dress Rehearsal but you are still welcome), Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. We will be allocating two tickets per household.

Owing to the guidelines and restrictions, on the number of parents indoors, we have to follow the 'rule of 6' which means that we will be grouping chairs into groups of six, seating a maximum of 30 parents at each performance with social distancing. The 'rule of 6' is six parents, from different households, sitting together. We will require parents to wear a face covering and socially distance, in communal areas.



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There will be an interval but owing to social distancing restrictions, it is with regret that we will be unable to provide refreshments this year. We will also be recording one of the performances in case you are unable to attend. More details to follow regarding the seat allocation, tickets and the opportunity to purchase any merchandise after the performances.

## **Sports Day**

Unfortunately, owing to the updated DfE guidance, it will not be possible to invite all parents to this event. As it is the last Sports Day that the year 6 children will have at St Michael's, we are inviting the year 6 parents only to this event, weather permitting. We do not have a reserve day for Sports Day this year so it will have to be cancelled if it rains. We will be allocating two areas (maximum of 30 parents in each area) who will be socially distanced within the area and between the areas. Please bring your own seating to this event.

In line with the current Government guidance, social distancing between parents needs to be maintained at all times and only one parent per family will be able to attend.

We will have to position both parent groups down one side of the track, as we also need to socially distance between our year group bubbles on the other side, which means they will be more spread out. In light of preparing for this arrangement, it will not be possible for the parent picnic to go ahead.

## **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

Unfortunately, owing to the restrictions at the Church, this will not be able to be held at St Michael's Church. As we did last year, we will hold this event outdoors (weather permitting). If it rains, we will hold the service indoors and we will record it for the parents.

As we did last year and with fair weather, the service will take place either on the playground or field and we will be able to arrange it in the same way as Sports Day – two areas with a maximum of 30 parents in each area (one parent per family) socially distanced and with the areas socially distanced by 2 metres.

## **Summer Fayre**

Unfortunately, this has had to be cancelled but SMASH have been thinking creatively about possible fundraising opportunities before the end of term – more details to follow from SMASH.

## **Year 6 activity days**

These days have all been confirmed in line with the new Government guidelines.

I appreciate that these arrangements are not what you may have expected, but I hope that you support the school in attempting to find the best and safest possible outcomes in line with the Government and DfE guidance.

Best wishes

Mrs Rowen Prigg  
Headteacher

Mrs Jane Cregan-Bird  
Chair of Governors

