

# THE MICHAEL SYDDALL C OF E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

May we start by thanking you all for your continued support with following all our guidance regarding Coronavirus procedures and measures to keep everyone safe. We appreciate it is challenging and some things like having a one way system may add a few minutes to your day but it is a recommended measure to keep everyone safe and this is our priority. Please ensure if you have other family members dropping off or picking up you have told them about the one way system around school.

If going forward and as national guidance changes, we will keep you informed of any additional measures we need to make in school. If you have any worries, questions or concerns, we are available to answer your queries, please catch us in person on a morning or contact the school office.

We would like to take this opportunity to update you with one or two staffing changes from after half term. Firstly, we would like to congratulate Miss Swainston who is expecting a baby and will not be returning after half term. I am sure with us, you wish her and her partner, the very best for their new arrival and that they are ready for all the joys (and sleepless nights) a new baby brings. Miss Parsons (who was with us last year on her final teacher training placement) will be covering year 5 for the remainder of the year. Miss Parsons will be in school 3 days next week and the week after to get to know the children and get used to school again.

As you may be aware our school numbers are continuing to increase and to support all our pupils with their learning we have recently appointed two further teaching assistants who will be starting after half term. Finally on staffing, we say goodbye to Mrs Illingworth, who has worked at Michael Syddall for many years. On behalf of everyone at school, we thank her for her years of commitment, energy and a get the job done attitude, we wish her the best of luck with her new ventures.

As a final point and on a positive note, the amount of parents and children who are telling us they are happy to be back at school, it is indeed wonderful to hear. Many parents have commented to us, getting back to some sort of normality and routine has been the best all round. As a staff team, we think so too, the majority of children are fabulous at following all the new rules in school to keep everyone safe, they are so keen and focused on their learning and enjoying the wider active parts of school life!

Let's stay safe everyone and do our best to enjoy our new school normal!  
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs McHarg

Head Teacher

Mr Saunders

Deputy Head Teacher

Headteacher: Mrs A McHarg

Deputy Headteacher: Mr N Saunders

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