



St Michael's C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Going into the Easter holidays, we are contacting parents with a few reminders over small things that help staff in teaching their lessons and having positive conversations with pupils.

We would be most grateful if over the Easter holidays you were able to ensure that your child's pencil case is fully stocked up ready for a new term (pencils, ink pens, whiteboard pens, pink/green/purple marking pens, glue stick, ruler). We have added a helpful reminder onto our school webpage under the Pupil tab called What you need in your pencil case.

<https://www.stmichaelsmiddle.org/attachments/download.asp?file=1000&type=pdf>

We ask that you also check if their uniform is smart and fitting well. We have high expectations for how young people should dress in their school and specifically request your support in addressing a concern we have over skirt length, mainly with pupils in years 7 & 8.

From September, we will be introducing a new uniform code across all of the Middle Schools in the trust. I am just awaiting final approval of this from the School Academy Committee and will be sending this out early next term in preparation for September. In this, the academy will be clearer in its uniform policy expecting:

'Skirts to be worn without being altered or rolled and should finish just above or on the knee'.

Until September, the current policy states that skirts should be of a sensible length. We define this as being suitable for taking part in normal school activities such as lessons and assemblies which might involve physical movement such as bending over, reaching up high and sitting cross legged on a floor. Please note that our uniform policy allows for pupils to wear black tailored trousers instead of skirts if this option would be preferred to a skirt.

After Easter, if a pupil's skirt is too short we will initially speak to your child and contact you so that you can send them in a more appropriate skirt the next day. However, if a skirt deemed too short continues to be worn, we will supply an alternative for them to change into and borrow until the end of term.

A final reminder that our expectations are that only one set of stud earrings should be worn and no other jewellery is allowed, including necklaces, rings and bangles. Make-up is also not permitted, including false eyelashes, nail varnish and false nails. The single exception is cover-up zone/spot concealer which may be used as required.

As a school, we look to have positive interactions with pupils, praising their hard work and achievements. This is what gives St Michael's Middle the feel and atmosphere commented on by visitors when they come to the school. When staff need to start interactions with pupils over incorrect uniform, this causes the opposite. Please understand that the school has a policy and this will be enforced by staff with all pupils.

All of the staff wish you a restful and enjoyable Easter break and thank you again for all your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Darren Ayling
Headteacher