



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE HOME-COLLEGE AGREEMENT 2021-22

Aim

Our continued mission is to educate our students within the ethos of a Catholic community so that they will develop as committed Catholics, able to play a positive role in society. The purpose of this Agreement is to ensure that students, parents and the College continue to work together in partnership.

We expect that all Parents/Guardians sign the Google form (link at the end) to show that the Procedures and Behavioural expectations have been understood and agreed by yourself and your child.

The Google form MUST be completed before your child is due to return to College.

What the College Expects of Pupils

Every pupil of St Michael's College will:

- Will meet our behaviour expectations as outlined in our Behaviour policy, which can be found on the College website.
- Attend Sunday Mass always and Holy days of Obligation
- Obey the Health and Safety Rules of the College.
- Follow and adhere to the college E safety policy (parents and students to sign E safety agreement)
- Maintain an excellent attendance and punctuality record.
- Obey the College Rules.
- Bring their journal to College and use it effectively.
- Bring the required books and equipment to College each day in an appropriate bag.
- Respect other pupils and College staff in a Christian manner.
- Respond to every challenge with hard work and a determination to succeed.
- Take part in sports and other extracurricular activities.

What the College Expects of Parents

Parents of children at St Michael's College will ensure that their children:

- Fully support spiritual and moral aspects of College life.
- Maintain full attendance and excellent punctuality.
- Will not be absent from College because of family holidays.
- Adhere to the College Rules and accept punishment if they transgress.
- Wear the full College uniform on site and to and from College and have the required equipment for College. Complete all homework and other learning tasks on time and spend the recommended amount of time on homework.
- Participate fully in sports and other extracurricular activities and demonstrate the RUAH values at all times.
- Fully support the College in all aspects of education including academic and behavioural issues

- We expect parents to understand that the College is a very busy environment and to make an appointment if you need to contact a member of staff.
- If parents/carers are unhappy about an area to do with the College in relation to their child to follow the procedure for contacting the College and to be respectful to all members of staff.

Parent/Guardian contact details

- It is more important than ever that we always have your most up-to-date contact details. If you change your telephone number, email address or home address you MUST let us know as soon as possible so that we are always able to contact you during the school day. If you need to update any information please update your details on Edulink and contact Mrs Shaw either my telephone or via email. s.shaw@stmichaelscollege.org.uk

What Pupils and Parents can Expect of St Michael's College

Pupils and Parents of St Michael's College have a right to expect that the College will:

- Provide for all pupils' spiritual, moral and educational development.
- Ensure that children relate to each other and to College staff in a Christian manner.
- Maintain a safe, studious environment in which the pupils can achieve their best.
- Inform parents of the achievement targets that their children should strive for.
- Give each child their full educational entitlement within the framework of the National Curriculum
- Give every parent a reasonable opportunity to discuss their child's progress.
- Regularly assess every pupil's work and report to parents on their progress.
- Make provision to support the learning of pupils with special educational needs.

Transport

Where possible students should come to school via walking, cycling or by car. Where public transport is the only option, it is important that students follow the College's behaviour policy and not bring the College into disrepute. Any breaches will result in a fixed term exclusion.

Procedures for arriving or leaving the school

- Students should be making their own way to and from school and should be coming directly from and to their homes. Students should not congregate in the local school area before or after the school day.
- All students should arrive at College at their designated time and entrance, as outlined in the letter sent out by the Principal outlining the return to College in September.

Conduct in school

We expect that all students will meet our normal behaviour expectations as outlined in our Behaviour policy, which can be found on the College website.

- When moving around the building, students must stick to their designated routes and staircases.
- At break and lunchtimes, go to the designated area/classroom and maintain a safe distance from others.

Uniform

When on the way to and from school and whilst in College it is expected that all students follow our normal uniform expectations. As well as the correct uniform, this includes suitable shoes, jackets, hair styles and no jewellery. No jewellery or makeup should be worn to or from College.

St Michael's Catholic College Hair Policy from Sept 2021

Students' hair should remain naturally coloured. Streaked, dyed, two tone or coloured hair/braids are not permitted, nor are exaggerated hair styles e.g. Mohican

For health and safety reasons students with hair that is shoulder length or longer must have their hair tied back in PE, DT and Science lessons and hair/fringes should not fall across students' eyes making it difficult for them to see or fully participate in lessons. Also, for health and safety reasons hair should be no longer than waist length.

Afro-textured hair can be worn in all styles including, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals and weaves (in line with the 'Halo Code') but should be one natural colour. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

Students are not permitted to have their heads shaved all over (skinhead/0.5 or less all over) and lines (including false partings) and patterns are not allowed to be shaved into eyebrows or hair.

In Years 7-11 hair accessories for all students e.g. hair bands, headbands, ribbons, slides, etc. must be black. Beads are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

In the 6th form all hair accessories and head scarves etc. must be black, navy or grey in line with the 6th form dress code colours.

The proposed hair policy has been informed by student, staff, parent and governor feedback and is part of the ongoing work the college is doing to ensure our policies reflect and are supportive of the diversity of our college community.

Information from the Halo Collective has also been used to inform discussions and the changes to our hair policy and we are also proposing to adopt the halo code. More information can be found here: <https://halocollective.co.uk/halo-school/>

Equipment

Students should bring a school bag (KS3 St Michael's College bag from Whitehall Clothiers) with a bottle of water, reading book and their PE kit on the days when they have PE. Only college PE kit is allowed to be worn during all PE lessons and in any clubs.

Homework

All homework will be set and submitted on Google classroom. Homework is a vital part of every student's learning journey and therefore it is of the utmost importance that all students complete each task to the best of their ability and meet deadlines. Students that fail to meet this expectation will receive a minor negative mention, if they fail to complete homework or persistently fail to meet homework expectations they will receive a major negative mention. This will result in a detention and may lead to phone calls home and parent meetings.

Year 11 Study Clubs

At the end of each day, Year 11 students are expected to attend compulsory study clubs until 4.30.

Attendance and punctuality

Regular attendance is encouraged and expected of all pupils at St. Michael's. It is a Parents/Guardians responsibility to inform the college on the first day of any absence. On return from absence a letter/note in the journal explaining the absence must be produced and Medical certification should be provided on request.

The college will follow the DfE guidance on absence codes for students who fail to attend school.

Punctuality and in this instance, arriving at College at the designated time is very important.

If your child is late due to a valid reason, for example, a doctors appointment you will need to provide evidence of this. We will use our discretion if there are genuine traffic problems within the College vicinity but please note, **phone calls to the College on a regular basis will not be sufficient to omit your child from sanctions.**

Students who incur a detention can be kept for up to an hour after college after their designated finish time in line with DfE guidance.

If a student is placed in the APB they will be kept for an hour after their designated finish time.

Procedure if you are experiencing symptoms of Coronavirus

If a student is due to be in school but is experiencing coronavirus symptoms the **student should not attend school**. Parents/Carers should call to speak to Mrs Carr our attendance officer or contact her on d.carr@stmichaelscollege.org.uk to inform her of the absence and explain that it is due to coronavirus symptoms.

Whilst in school, if a student becomes unwell they should follow the usual procedure of informing a member of staff who will organise for the student to be seen by the nurse or a First Aider. If the student presents with coronavirus symptoms they will be directed to a secondary medical isolation room and the nurse will contact parents/carer to come to collect their child.

It will not be taken lightly if students are found to fake coronavirus symptoms, this is a waste of time and resources.

The College's Covid procedure will be adopted to mirror the ever-changing picture in line with government guidelines i.e. face coverings may need to be worn. We would expect all parents/carers to fully support the College if changes were to arise

Further advice can be found here;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Remote learning expectations

At times it may be the case that individual students, year groups or the whole college is required to take part in Remote learning. When Remote learning is necessary it is expected that students complete all work tasks that they have been assigned and meet all deadlines.

All students that are having to continue their education remotely will be expected to complete morning registration. Non-engagement will be followed up by Mrs Carr as per

the college attendance policy and may require further involvement from Leaders of Learning and SLT.

A reminder that all Parents/Guardians must sign the **Google form**; <https://forms.gle/UoLLTiw5ywgH65yf7> to show that the Procedures and Behavioural expectations have been understood and agreed by yourself and your child.

Signature of Parent (Guardian): _____ **Name:** _____

Signature of Pupil: _____ **Name:** _____

Date: _____

July 2021

Signed:

Date:.....

Chair of the Governors

Review Date: 2022