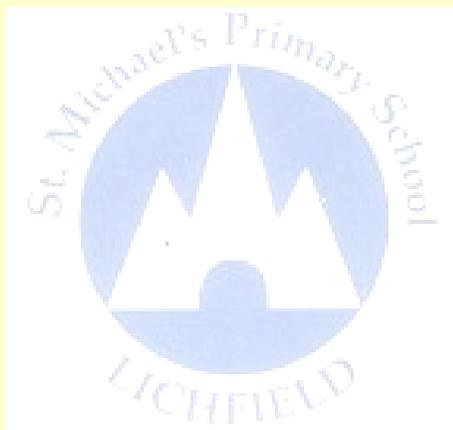


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# EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING

## Welcome to St Michael's C (CE) Primary School



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*A warm welcome to  
St Michael's*

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Dear Parents

Thank you for your interest in St Michael's school!

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make so this prospectus is intended to give you an idea of what your child's life at St. Michael's would be like.

We provide every child with a strong academic education, catered to individual needs, in a secure and happy environment. By experiencing success St Michael's children develop confidence, good learning habits and an ability to think for themselves. Great emphasis is given to the teaching of the basic skills of good reading, writing and mathematics in a curriculum that provides breadth, balance and continuity over a wide range of subjects.

When your son or daughter becomes part of the St. Michael's School Family, we hope it's the start of a rewarding time for both your child and yourselves. When you visit you'll find a school full of friendliness, good manners and discipline. While the school has many attributes, including its delightful spacious grounds and excellent staff, without doubt its greatest asset is the children themselves - not only for the achievements they accomplish but also for the thoughtful caring ways in which they reach their success.

Yours faithfully

*Helen Robertson*

Mrs Helen Robertson  
**Head Teacher**

## DOING THINGS THE ST MICHAEL'S WAY!

At St Michael's we're dedicated to providing an exciting learning experience for all of our children. This experience, rooted in Christian values, encourages the children to be the best that they can be. That's because we recognise every child as an individual, with their own unique talents. So we work hard to create a happy, secure and inclusive school in which every child feels valued and respected - with opportunities to learn for all.

This approach is underpinned by our new values: Belonging; Friendship; Forgiveness; Courage; Respect and Perseverance. These promote the spiritual, moral and social development of every child and help the pupils see the school as a safe place. A place where they feel special and that allows them to flourish.

In fact, it's the experience the children enjoy at school, learning the St Michael's way, which helps them to become the people they are!

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*'The curriculum in the early years foundation stage is supporting pupils to attain above the national average for the good level of development.*

*In the early years foundation stage, leaders have also worked hard to make an inspiring curriculum for children. By using the school grounds, local community and a range of educational trips you have tried to make learning 'real'.'*

*[Ofsted 2017]*

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## A HAPPY, SAFE & EXCITING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

### Foundation Stage

The Foundation Stage includes two 30-place Reception classes. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS), encouraging the children to learn through first-hand experiences and structured play.

Variety and flexibility is key to this approach. We offer both teacher-led and self-chosen activities, and a mixture of both group and independent work set in our indoor and outdoor environments. All of which sees the children develop their skills and progress towards their learning objectives while genuinely enjoying their first taste of formal education.

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*'Your drive to ensure that pupils develop a 'can do' attitude is evident in the classrooms. The consistent approach that you call the 'St Michael's Way' is helping your pupils to think and work hard. The relationships between staff and pupils are good. This gives pupils confidence.*

*[Ofsted 2017]*

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## **Key Stages 1 & 2**

From Year 1 onwards the children follow the National Curriculum placing emphasis on the essential literacy and numeracy skills. Children are taught within their year group, in mixed ability classes, in the care of a class teacher supported by teaching assistants. We strive to ensure every child achieves their full potential.

Our pastoral care programme creates a happy, welcoming and safe environment allowing each child to develop confidence, individuality and good learning habits.

## **EDUCATIONAL VISITS**

Children in all year groups are given the opportunity to visit places of interest, both locally and further afield, to enhance and reinforce the work they do in the classroom.

Our older children are also offered a residential visit to Shugborough, one of the Staffordshire Outdoor Education Centres, where they can further develop their independence and take part in a wide range of activities.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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*'Pupils are happy here and many parents agree.*

*The curriculum is a strength of the school.*

*There is breadth and balance to the subjects taught in class and the extra-curricular opportunities that you have designed engage pupils in purposeful*

*activity. This helps pupils to be excited about their learning. Enrichment activities are appreciated by pupils and parents.'*

*[Ofsted 2017]*

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We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities including sports clubs, art, music and choir. Many of these are free for the children to join and are run by our staff during lunchtime, before or after school. In addition, for a small fee, children have the opportunity to join clubs run by external providers.

Children in years 2 to 6 have the opportunity to learn a variety of string, brass and woodwind instruments taught by teachers from the Entrust— Music and Performing Arts.

## SCHOOL AND PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

A happy transition from home to school life is hugely important to us at St Michael's. Our successful staggered entry program for Reception helps your child feel safe, happy, confident and secure as they begin their school life.

We believe good relationships with parents are just as important. You're always welcome at school to talk about your child's experience and we encourage you to be involved in your child's learning through regular parents' evenings, visits to class on theme days, joining them on educational visits and seeing them learn during planned "pop in " sessions.

## RESPONSIBLE PUPILS

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*'The ethos of your school is strong and this helps to make the right choices. Pupils are involved in thinking about personal qualities that are important to them. This further supports the good attitudes, values and behaviours demonstrated around the school.'*

*[Ofsted 2017]*

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We encourage all children to take an active role in school life. So pupils can volunteer to take on a number of roles and responsibilities such as Play Leaders, Library Monitors, House Captains and School Council Representatives helping to improve the experience at school for everyone.

## BEHAVIOUR, REWARDS AND DISCIPLINE

We expect the highest standard of behaviour at all times, and positive behaviour and achievements are recognised and rewarded in a number of ways, such as verbal praise, stars, stickers, golden time and achievement awards. And we regularly celebrate the children's achievements at special school worships.

## FRESH & HEALTHY LUNCHES

We offer children a choice of hot meals that are nutritionally balanced and always freshly prepared and cooked on the premises by our own school cook and team of kitchen staff. Alternatively they can bring a packed lunch from home.

Our online, cash free system for snacks and lunch, lets you see what's available for your child's lunch as well as what they've chosen. It's a quick, easy and secure way for you to ensure your child has a healthy, balanced and nutritious meal whilst they're with us in school.

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

We're very lucky to have an extremely active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) supporting the school through fundraising events from the summer fayre, school discos and even chocolate bingo! These events raise money for new equipment and learning resources, for the benefit of all the children in the school and help strengthen the partnership between the school and our children's families.

This prospectus gives you just a snapshot of life at our school but there's no substitute for a personal visit.

So please, call us on [01543 227425](tel:01543227425) to arrange a visit to meet the children and staff.

We look forward to seeing you soon!