



Friday 28th March 2025

Academisation Update with Three Spires Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share that following months of due diligence and negotiations with the Local Authority to secure sustainable funding for The Ark, Governors have now been able to sign the required documentation to academise with Three Spires Trust as of Tuesday 1st April. We apologise for the short notice however statutory land transfers have delayed the process.

From Tuesday we will be known as St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy. This is an exciting point in our journey.

On Tuesday at the start of the day we will be meeting together as a school community with members of the Trust. We would therefore encourage all children to wear red to school on Tuesday. Children will not need to wear school uniform.

Over the next few months, we will be sharing our new logo and more about our work as part of the Trust. We will keep you updated as we move to work with the Trust.

We know that the children have been keen to know more about changes to school uniform. As part of the full consultation process the children asked for a new uniform. We have consulted with local providers of uniform and discussed with parents, staff, governors and children. As a result from September, St Michael's will have a red uniform. Further details will be issued shortly, however, school uniform will still be available from Crested Schoolwear located in the Wulfrun Shopping Centre, Wolverhampton. Children will continue to wear grey trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafores and school shoes will continue to be black. All children will be asked to wear a white polo shirt and we will no longer wear white shirts or have a school tie. All decisions have been made to minimise the cost for parents and to ensure the majority of the school uniform can be bought from a local supermarket. We are also delighted that Three Spires Trust have agreed to support the purchase of some school uniform for all children from Reception to Year 5. We will shortly share how this can be purchased.

We are truly excited that we have reached this point and look forward to the next part of the St Michael's journey.

Kindest regards

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