



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

Monday 11th May 2020

Dear parent / carer and students of St Martins School

Keeping in touch week 5

I deliberately postponed my keeping in touch letter until today so that I could interpret Mr Johnson's speech. I am sorry to say that I am as confused as some of you are.

We are currently still open for keyworker children and will be until the first of June. Again, I must praise my staff for working through this period including the bank holiday's.

We now know that reception, year 1 and year 6, **maybe in school after the half term holiday**. But we still do not have definite plans from the government. I am surprised that reception and year 1 are priority especially as I believe that social distancing with these very young children will be very hard to achieve.

I want to make it very clear to parents that I believe that this must be the parent's choice to send their child back to school and that no parent will be penalised for keeping the child at home.

Here at St Martins we will have a robust plan if we are asked to take children back in and we will share these plans with parents ahead of any parents choosing to send their child back to school.

This week there will be a special message coming out to all students and I will send an email when this is available for you to watch. Please remember that all my staff are available at the end of a phone line if you need any help or support. Many tutors and class teachers have already rung home to check students and parents are ok. To receive a phone call, email reception@stmartins3-16.org or ring school between 9.15am - 3pm in the week.

Very important for parents and particularly students in year 4 and above to check their school email **every morning and afternoon** and reply if they are asked to.

Year 10 will be pleased to know that staff have graded their GCSE's to be taken in year 10 following the same strict criteria as year 11 grades and that they will be able to collect these results at the same time as year 11 on Thursday the 20th of August.

We have now sent out our 'Transition to Year 7' packs; electronically to our year 6 and by post for the students joining us from other schools. There are some key dates for days in school prior to the summer holiday which are provisional so keep checking the website for any updates.

We are very much still here for the community of St Martins, even though most of us are working from home.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Sue Lovecy - Your Head of School