ST MARTINS SCHOOL



25 September 2020

On Tuesday we were very excited to make a short film about school. This year all open days and evenings have been cancelled so we asked a local company to come and make a short film. The film will give prospective students and their parents a 'flavour' of school life here at St Martins and it gave some of our students who are involved a great experience. A special thankyou to:

Year 5 were amazing speaking directly to camera, some of them only needing one take!!

Year 9 musicians were very talented

Year 7 were confident and happy in our school

And finally Jess Clent—Baxter and Paddy McGuiness—Matthews as head girl and head boy were the best ambassadors that you could wish for.

All the staff, those in front of the camera I'm sorry !! And those of you allowing the camera into your classroom, and everyone else behind the scenes.

We hope that the film will be available for viewing in time for our virtual open evening/question and answer sessions with Ms Lovecy which start on the 6 October.

School is well ventilated with doors and windows open—please ensure your child comes to school with a warm waterproof coat. Most of the PE lessons will take place outside again please make sure your child is in full kit with either a school micro fleece/sweatshirt or plain back sweatshirt.

Flu vaccinations take place on the 15 October for reception through to and including year 7—please return the forms to school as soon as possible.

As promised last week I have now put aside a regular slot where I can meet 'virtually' via 'zoom' with parents and members of our wider community to discuss any issues.

These will take place every **TUESDAY**, **2.30pm**—**3.00pm**—please email clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org to make your zoom appointment.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy

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Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? During lock down parents who had applied for and were eligible received vouchers, even if their child would have received universal infant free school meals. We don't know if schools will need to partly or totally close for periods of time this autumn/ winter, but if you think you may be eligible please apply. Parents/carers can make an application online through the Shropshire Council website https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/. When a parent/carer applies online the system will be able to confirm eligibility at point of application.

Corona virus—planning for all eventualities

Current position

Students are being educated in year group class bubbles which stay the same for breaks and lunch. They are reminded about the importance of regular handwashing—anti bac soap and hand sanitizers are in every area of school. Posters about hygiene are up all around school. There is a one way system and staggered times of the day to ensure bubbles to do not meet. We have reduced external visitors in school; parents are asked to phone or email with any questions or concerns. Information is on the website about symptoms and actions.

Partial/year group bubbles closure

This will happen if there are confirmed COVID results in a year group bubble or where we have several staff who have to self –isolate making it difficult to run the school as normal.

<u>Please make sure your contact details are up to date as we may have to close</u> <u>bubbles at very short notice</u>

In this instance On line learning for students would take place.

Students with symptoms

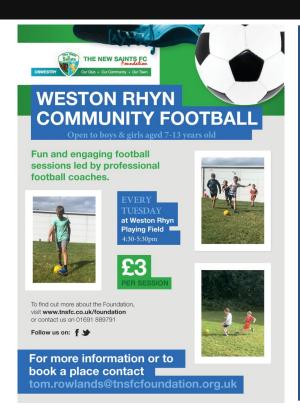
If your child is displaying any of the symptoms (temperature, new persistent cough, loss of taste or smell) or someone in your household is please do not send your child to school. Call reception and let us know. This is the main way to protect everyone in our community.

In this instance students if they are well but isolating can access school work on Show My Homework (SMHW)



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Dates for the diary (keep on eye on the website!)

We have lots of parents evenings etc that we are reviewing

if they can take place—we will inform parents as soon as

possible

15 October—flu vaccination for reception—year 7

26 October—half term holiday

2 November-students return to school

21 December—Christmas Holiday

4 January PD day

5 January—students return to school