

If your child has a positive test for COVID email reception@stmartins3-16.org and sue.lovecy@stmartins3-16.org at any time so that we can inform all our parents as soon as possible if a bubble has to close



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

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I am happy to announce that school has a facebook page. If you use social media, are a current parent or member of staff please use the link to join.



Thankyou to our fantastic PTA and chair Heather Jones who have provided funding to nursery for a new shed and large wheeled storage boxes. A big thank you from the nursery team.



Students have been very patient with our new strict social distancing rules and one way system but they have found lunchtimes very difficult as they have had to be kept in their year group bubbles in relatively small areas.

After the half term break we will be shortening our secondary breaks and lunchbreaks by 10 minutes and school will finish earlier. Year 7 and year 8 will now leave school at 3.10, years 10 and 11 at 3.15 and year 9 at 3.20. There will be no

change to the buses. There will still be plenty of time for students to have their lunch and relax. The new times will leave year 7 and 8 with a 45 minute lunchtime and years 9-11, 40 minutes. Please can parents adjust their pick up times if collecting by car.

Can we also ask that parents do not come into the sports hall end of the car park to collect children. Turning around in this car park is dangerous as children are often walking through this area. Please park in the car park closest to the road or use the pickup bay to pick up your son/ daughter.

Thank you for the fantastic support we have received from all parents over the last half term

With the national lockdown starting in wales today I can confirm that school transport for our students from over the border will continue as normal after half term. In terms of advice from the Welsh government we can confirm the following:

"I live in Wales but travel daily to England to attend school, college or university. Can I still go there?"

Yes. If you attend school, college or university in England, which is not covered by the firebreak, it is a reasonable excuse to travel there and will be allowed during the firebreak period..

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Monday. Ms Lovecy



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Summer exams will start on 7 June and end on 2 July 2021 for almost all GCSE students. GCSE students will get their results on 27 August, allowing them to start the next academic year as normal. We are waiting for the firm dates but I ask that those parents of year 11 who may have thought about booking a holiday when their child had finished year 11, to delay booking until dates of exams are confirmed.



Thank you to all the parents and staff who contributed to our collection for the village foodbank during our celebration of 'Harvest Festival'.

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.

Please make sure your contact details are up to date as we may have to close bubbles at very short notice, via email and text

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

26 October—half term holiday

2 November—students return to school

11 December—Christmas jumper/non uniform day £1 for PTA

21 December—Christmas Holiday

4 January PD day

5 January—students return to school

PE kit policy (SECONDARY) — from September 2021

- In addition to the current PE polo top,
- All students must have the official Black PE skirts/ shorts from RAM leisure
- Students must have the Official PE jumper/outer layer- no other jumper is acceptable from September 2021.
- All students must have black football socks (advised to pack a spare pair of normal socks to change into)
- All students must have shin pads ready for football- PE teachers will tell them dates they are needed.
- All students must have suitable swimwear- swimming in PE lessons is usually after Christmas every year. All students must have a swimming hat and swimming goggles.



If your child attends After School, Breakfast, Sibling or Nursery Lunch club please see your monthly invoice on 'parentpay'. If you have not used parent pay before and need your login details please contact the office on 01691776500.

<https://ourschoolwear.co.uk/>

CURRENT PE REQUIREMENTS: For outdoor PE , students are to wear the PE outer layer or a PLAIN BLACK jumper/ sweatshirt only. A small logo on the front is fine. Underneath this, students need to wear the school PE t-shirt but if they haven't got one they will need to order one and wear a plain black t-shirt in the meantime.

- All students must have shin pads ready for football- PE teachers will tell them dates they are needed.
- All students must have football boots- this is for safety reasons in poor weather (better grip).
- Students have permission to wear PLAIN BLACK sports Leggings or PLAIN BLACK tracksuit bottoms