



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

6 November 2020

Following the announcement from government about the wearing of face coverings for secondary students whilst they are in communal areas of the school, I am pleased to report that our students have taken the school's procedures on board, and I'm sure over the next few days this will become part of the routine of the school day.

We have a great programme of outdoor education here at St Martins—at the present time we have had to make some changes. Current year 10 and 11 bronze Duke of Edinburgh will still go ahead this academic year but due to lockdown and restrictions across England and Wales we are currently unable to take pupils out on expeditions. We hope to do a bronze practice walk and camping during April 2021 but this depends on restrictions that may still be in place. Please be assured pupils can complete all other sections of their DofE online including volunteering which can be completed from home/remotely (please see the link). <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities>

If you have any questions please either check the D of E website or contact our course leaders Ms Weaver or Mr Machin.



We have a long history of supporting Children in Need and this year is no exception!! On **FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER** students can come to school in something red or yellow for a £1 donation. Please log in to your **parent pay account to make your donation**—this will then go straight to Children in Need!!! We can accept cash if necessary.

Remember to access our facebook page. If you use social media, are a current parent or member of staff please use the link to join. Obviously this is not 'manned' out of school hours and if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to call or email the school direct (details at bottom of page).



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



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Welcome to our Reception class! - all ready for their Friday lesson in Forest School!!

Forest School sessions provide for play, exploration and trying new activities. It helps develop confidence and self-esteem, with hands-on experiences in an outdoor natural setting.

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 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.](#)

Face coverings are worn in all indoor communal school areas.

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 Blended learning for students would take place. [Information is on the website](#)

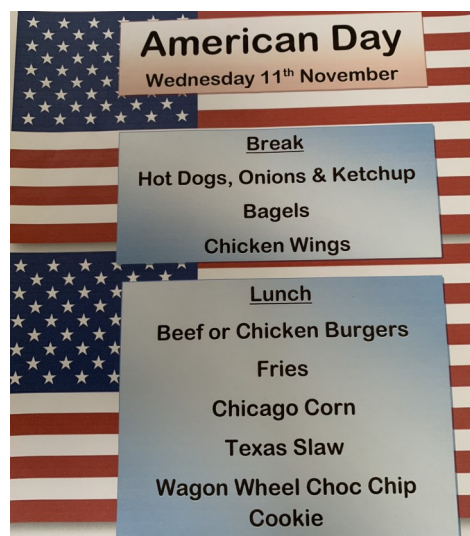
Students with symptoms

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

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER—Children in Need—**wear something red/yellow for a donation**

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 skorts/ 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.

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



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.

Being good neighbours

Our fantastic vet practice run by Ms Rebecca Rowe is still experiencing problems with some parents blocking access to the practice at the start and end of the school day. They have tried their best by not booking appointments during these times but when an emergency happens they must be able to leave their practice. They have asked again for parents to NOT block in cars or the exit. If it continues to happen , we will need to print photos of the cars causing the situation so that Ms Rowe can contact them.