



Mrs Alison Pope, Headteacher

St Martins School update 2 – Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Dear parents, carers and families of St Martins School students,

I have been on the school site all day today and met with the insurance loss adjuster. This now means that school can start to progress as quickly as possible to start the process of securing and weather proofing the school before utilities are worked on. Phased return of pupils is dependent on securing contractors.

Whilst the main fire and smoke damage to school has been to the arts centre, diner and surrounding areas of school, the utilities e.g. water, electrics and fire alarm system have been damaged in the rest of the school, and until these are re-instated we are unable to open the school to pupils or staff.

The school is closed to all pupils on Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th September.

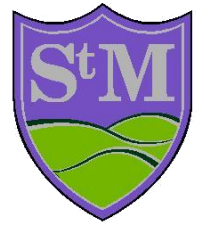
Like many public buildings of this age (e.g. hospitals, schools, libraries), the school building does have some asbestos. This has been reduced over recent years during recent building work. We can confirm that there is NO ASBESTOS in the areas affected by the fire. This has been confirmed by an external assessor and the fire service. Asbestos does not pose a risk unless it is “disturbed”. The fire services handed the building back to me, yesterday stating there was no on-going asbestos risk.

Current status – for information

The school is closed to all pupils on Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th September. We are not currently in a position to give a re-opening date but hope to give a clearer timeline by Friday.

Next steps

- Remote learning with work set via Microsoft teams will continue this week – parents and pupils, please do what you can.
- Microsoft Teams can be accessed on your phone via an app.
- Please continue to email school with any queries or issues.
- School will remain closed this week.
- We will be working with utilities this week to reinstall to the rest of school.
- Working towards alternatives for next week
- FSM can be ordered via the Microsoft form.
- There will be staff in Stans tomorrow between 10am and 12.00pm.
- There is some printed work for year 1-6 available from the community centre.



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Follow up questions

If you have any follow up questions, please email reception@stm.318education.co.uk. We will include responses in this daily email, unless your question is of a very specific or personal nature.

Thank you again for your continued support. I do appreciate that this is a difficult situation for everyone.

Kind regards,
Mrs Pope
Headteacher