



Mrs Alison Pope, Headteacher

St Martins School update 5 – Friday 26th September 2025

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

Thank you again to the support you have offered your children, our staff and the school this week.

Please take some time to review the below update which contains important updates for next week.

- Secondary phase update
- Year 11 update
- Primary phase update
- Online learning and feedback
- FSM Change of process

Secondary phase update

Secondary phase will be closed to all students next week (29th September – 3rd October). We have arranged face-to-face provision for Year 11 students for three days a week, further details of which can be found below. Online learning will continue for students in other year groups with more live online lessons next week.

Regrettably, we are unable to open the secondary phase as we do not have utilities on site including toilets, water, a working fire alarm and electricity (to parts of the building). Contractors are on site, and we are planning to bring demountables on site to replace facilities. This is dependent on the quotes being approved by insurers and loss adjusters.

My top priority is pupil safety and to ensure that once pupils are brought back into school that they can remain here. We are working very hard to ensure that everything is in place to ensure school reopens as soon as possible. I do not underestimate how frustrating and challenging the school's closure continues to be for our families.

The school site team continue to work with contractors on site and sourcing contractors for future works to start. Progress is being made daily, but the phased return of pupils is dependent on securing these contractors.

Year 11 update

We understand the importance of face-to-face provision in Year 11. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, I am pleased to confirm that we have secured face-to-face provision at North Shropshire College for three days a week starting from Wednesday 1st October.

For Year 11 students only, we have arranged compulsory face-to-face provision to be delivered at North Shropshire College's Oswestry campus. Teaching will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10AM – 3PM, starting from Wednesday 1st October. Teaching will be delivered by St Martins staff.

Parents of Year 11 students will be emailed further information including timetables and transport arrangements shortly. This includes a short form which needs to be completed by Monday 29th October at midday to confirm your transport requirements.



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Thank you to North Shropshire College for supporting us with this provision, it is greatly appreciated.

Year 11 students who currently access alternative provision at Thomas Adams School will re-commence this from next week on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th September. We are emailing individual families that this applies to tomorrow.

All Year 11 students should continue to access online learning on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th September.

Primary phase update

Fire Rescue Services are visiting the site on Monday afternoon to review the situation. A further update on the reopening of the primary phase is dependent on the outcome of their assessment.

Therefore, primary phase is closed to all pupils on Monday 29th September. We will issue a further update on primary as soon as we are able to next week. Again, my top priority is pupil safety and the safe return of pupils to our school.

Nursery and reception pupils

Our nursery and reception pupils (and their parents) are welcome to attend the local baby and toddler group. St Martins nursery staff will be at both sessions to run activities with the children. Please find details below.

St Martins Little Owls Baby & Toddler Group

St Martins Community Village Hall

Friday morning, 10AM – 12PM

£1.50 voluntary contribution, No booking required

Additional contingency option

We are exploring an additional face-to-face option for some groups of students.

Online learning and feedback

We have been very impressed with pupil engagement with online learning. Everyone has shown such resilience with sharing devices, overcoming technical difficulties and sharing their successes.

To ensure our students remain motivated with online learning, our teaching staff will be providing appropriate feedback within 72 hours. Feedback will be dependent on the task set and may comprise of a Teams message or house points, for example. I would like to thank our teaching staff for their commitment to online learning and feedback which requires a significant amount of time.



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Community centre hub

The community centre will continue to open next week from 10AM – 2PM. Printed resources will be available to collect from here. Staff will also be available here to offer students guidance and direction on work.

FSM Change of process

Thank you to staff at the school for liaising with Shropshire Council to secure free school meals/vouchers. It was important to us to ensure that everybody who needed to access this support still could.

From next week, FSM vouchers will be available. These will be emailed to parents on Saturday. Please follow the instructions included on the voucher/in this email.

If you have not previously applied for FSM but believe you may be eligible and need support, please contact us and we will provide you with the local authority form.

Current status – for information

Secondary phase will be closed to all students next week (29th September – 3rd October). We have arranged face-to-face provision for Year 11 students for three days a week, further details of which can be found above. Please complete the necessary MS Form by midday on Monday 29th September (which will follow this update) to secure transport and have details around the timetable and bust times/pick up points.

Primary is closed to all pupils on Monday 29th September. We will issue a further update on primary as soon as we are able to next week.

Next steps

Remote learning with work set via Microsoft teams will continue next 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. Emails will be responded to Monday to Friday during normal school hours.

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 once again for your continued support this week. Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pope Headteacher