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## St Martins School update 6 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Please take some time to review the below update which contains important updates for **this week and next week**. The situation is changing on a daily basis and I am balancing the needs to keep parents completely updated without promising things that then fail to materialise. I completely understand how frustrating this is.

**I will provide a further UPDATE on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER.**

- 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 **ALL THIS WEEK and NEXT WEEK (29th September – 10th October)**. This is due to the requirement to have a compliant fire risk assessment and basic facilities like toilets and heating on site.

Online learning will continue for students in other year groups with more live online lessons from tomorrow. This delivery will be balanced with the face-to-face learning taking place for year 11 at North Shropshire College (NSC). Because of this, we cannot run the normal timetable for any secondary students at the moment.

I am looking at other plans for face-to-face learning but these do take time to investigate and work out the logistics

We have been able to offer some additional face to face learning at QUINTA which will start soon – parents have been emailed about this

My top priority is pupil safety and to ensure that once pupils are brought back into school that they can remain here.

### Year 11 update

Teaching staff visited the NSC campus today and are busy preparing for their first sessions on Wednesday morning. Staff have prepared a FAQ sheet which is at the end of this letter. Transport has been arranged for all pupils where we have had responses from parents.

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 has re-commenced from today.



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### Primary phase update

Fire Rescue Services and the fire risk assessor have been on site today to review the situation. We now have industrial contract cleaners in primary and hope to have all relevant risk assessments signed off for re occupancy next week. **PRIMARY REMAINS CLOSED 29 SEPTEMBER UNTIL 3 OCTOBER**

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

#### Little Saints baby & Toddler group

Chapter House at the Church.

Monday 10.30am-12.30pm

Voluntary contribution, No booking required

### 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 meal vouchers. It was important to us to ensure that everybody who needed to access this support still could.

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.



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### **Current status – for information**

Secondary phase will be closed to all students this week and next week (29th September – 10th October). We have arranged face-to-face provision for Year 11 students for three days a week.

Primary is closed to all pupils on Monday 29th September – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. We will issue a further update on primary as soon as we are able to.

### **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](mailto: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.

Kind regards,

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## **Year 11: FAQ North Shropshire college**

There is a short video that has been shared with year 11 students on Teams

### **What day will the sessions at the college start?**

Wednesday 1st October

### **What time do I need to arrive?**

10am

### **Where do I need to go on the first day once I arrive at the campus?**



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You need to head to the main reception, through the rotating doors where St Martins Staff will be waiting for you. You will be issued with a lanyard on arrival which will let you access the site.

**What shall I wear?**

Full School Uniform.

**What equipment do I need?**

Pencil case, calculator, notebook/paper and if you have your exercise book/own textbooks

**Which days will I be at the college?**

This is an ever-changing situation but we are planning for Monday, Wednesday and Friday until we can return to school site.

**Will I have access to the canteen?**

Yes, at break and lunch time you can either bring food from home or you can buy food from their canteen, they accept card or cash.

**What happens if I normally have free school meals?**

You need to bring food/money from home because your FSM money has been converted into a voucher and sent to your guardian.

**Will online learning be set the days I am in college?**

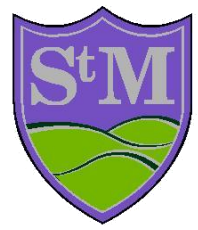
No, you will only have online assignments set on Tuesdays and Thursdays moving forward

**What will happen on the first morning?**

We will meet you in the main entrance foyer, once everyone has arrived we will have an information assembly where behaviour expectations and logistics will be explained. We will show you the classrooms you will be in.

**Who will teach me?**

You will be taught by St Martins Staff and supported by St Martins Learning Support Staff.



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**What do I need to know about college site?**

You will have a lanyard to access the campus, we have access to toilets, their canteen and computers. They will not provide pens/pencils etc so you must bring your own.

**Can we use their computers?**

We will be given a guest log-in and then we have to login to our own Office365 account which will give us access to our SharePoint & One Drive (our documents), Teams and email.

**Where will buses pick up and drop off?**

The buses will drop you off and pick you up in the main car park

**Where do I get dropped off if arriving by car?**

There is a drop off point, please follow signs.