



Mrs Alison Pope, Headteacher

St Martins School update 9 – Wednesday 8 October 2025

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

It was lovely to see so many parents at the primary meeting this week to share our plans for the re-opening yesterday. This was followed by an email to primary parents. I am delighted to say that primary students have settled into school well. We have all come together in assemblies to help children to settle after the upheaval of the past 2 weeks. We also practised a fire drill; the children were wonderful.

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

Below is the update for today – **I will issue a further update at the end of this week.**

- Car Park
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Car Parks

We have closed both our car park to parents at this time for safety reasons. Contractors are using both car parks. We have been fortunate that the Keys, Lens Plaice and Stans have all offered parents parking.

Secondary phase update

Secondary phase will be closed to all students **ALL THIS WEEK (29th September – 10th October)** and next week **(Monday 13th October to Friday 17th October)**

Face to face teaching for year 11 continues at North Shropshire College apart from Friday 17th October – Year 11 parents have been notified separately. We have been able to offer some additional face to face learning at Quinta which started this week.

My top priority is pupil safety and to ensure that once pupils are brought back into school that they can remain here. I do understand that parents and pupils are keen to get back to face to face teaching and myself and my team are working very hard on this. It is encouraging to see that components for the temporary classrooms are now being delivered to the site – these will need to be assembled and linked to utilities. I will issue an update on expected timescales for this on Friday but they are not a quick assembly as water, electricity, fire and wi-fi/internet systems all need to be connected and tested by contractors. I also need to write new risk assessments and whole school fire procedures as well as circulation patterns for pupils and staff. They are also occupying a large proportion of the playground so before we return, we will need to re-write the whole school timetable to create a split lunch for lower and upper school so we can manage the number of pupils at any one time.

As we progress with this, I am looking at options of having single year groups back on site. To do this we need individual risk assessments linked to limited classroom spaces, taking into consideration limited toilet facilities,



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transport logistics and timetabling of staff. My team are working at speed on this and I will update you once we have the detail.

I realise that secondary parents will be keen for more of an update and time line so I am looking at venues that have the capacity to host a secondary parents meeting before half term. I hope to be able to confirm this in my update on Friday.

Blended Learning secondary

Staff will continue to set Teams assignments for their classes but there will be a 'live' element for one lesson per week in most of our subjects. Live lessons in secondary will be a mixture of live teams' meetings and recorded sessions which aim to give students a more interactive experience and to support their knowledge retention.

Due to the logistical arrangements needed to ensure face to face for year 11 and Quinta provision, we have had to produce a revised timetable which does impact on the ability of staff to deliver more live lessons. Where they can, they will endeavour to do so.

Blended learning timetables for secondary have been emailed to parents and are on the [website](#).

Current status – for information

Secondary phase will be closed to all students this week and next week (29th September – 10th October and 13th October to the 17th October). We have arranged face-to-face provision for Year 11 students for three days per week with no sessions on Friday 17th October.

Free School Meals

Vouchers have been sent to eligible parents for secondary students for this week and next week.

Aspens are in school from today to provide a packed lunch for primary FSM and universal infant free school meals. Other students will need to come to school with a packed lunch.

Open Event in the Sports Hall

We hope to be able to invite prospective year 7 parents and students to an information session in the Sports Centre next Thursday 16 October. We have been able to secure a temporary risk assessment to host this session but will not have toilet facilities or heating. Visitors will be escorted to the sports centre where I will deliver a presentation. This is the same presentation I gave to our own year 6 so there is no need for you to attend if you were already present for this. Booking details will be communicated as numbers will be limited.

Reception

Our Reception and Admin team are now in a temporary home in the old 'caretaker's bungalow' adjacent to the main car park. At this time, we cannot welcome drop in visitors but please do email or phone if you have a query. For students that arrive late arrivals or need to be collected early for an appointment please contact school so that we can explain the signing in/out procedures.



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Next steps

Please continue to email school with any queries or issues. Emails will be responded to Monday to Friday during normal school hours.

Half term is two weeks; Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October – Monday 3rd November is a PD day.

Follow up questions

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

Thank you once again for your continued support this week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pope Headteacher

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