



# St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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*Hopeful Enquiring Respectful Organised Independent Collaborative*

November 2022

Dear St Martin's Family,

## Safeguarding our Family

As part of our safeguarding of students, staff and the local environment we ask parents to support us in ensuring your child does not bring any items to school that will cause harm. Last week a member of staff had to go home because they experienced an asthma attack due to students using an aerosol.

Prior to half term we had found some students bringing illegal items, such as vapes and edibles. It is for this reason that we ask for your support to ensure students do not bring in the following items to school: bags of sweets, energy and fizzy drinks, spray deodorants, perfumes, metal compasses, any sharp objects and scissors.

As discussed in the Parent Forum on 3rd November, part of our on-going commitment to safeguard students and staff, will include completing random student searches. Any of the above items will be confiscated.

We will inform you after a search has taken place and may contact you directly, should any items that seriously breach our school rules have been found.

You will be aware of notes from our Parents' Meeting on 6th September, that we have built upon our pastoral support systems in order to become more responsive to student requirements. You will also have been aware of our increased emphasis on student and staff mental well being. Please join us in our next coffee morning on **Thursday 1st December 2022 at 9am**, our focus will be how parents can support their child's mental well-being..

Thank you for your support. We look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of our community.

Your sincerely,

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