



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

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Dear Families,

St Martin's will remain closed until further notice except for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are key workers* critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. Where key workers have a partner who is working from home, we would not usually expect to provide school services. If you are not sure if you are a key worker, please see the latest guidance from the government below.

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

We are asking you to complete a short form and submit it by 3pm today if you have a child with an EHCP, your daughter has a social worker or you consider that you are a key worker and you would require a place at our school.

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**PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THE FORM IF YOU REQUIRE A PLACE FOR YOUR DAUGHTER(S)
AT ST MARTIN'S DURING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE.**

Families need to be aware that, in the forthcoming days, St Martin's may combine with other local schools to offer joint services. It may be possible that your daughter may be asked to attend another school. We will keep you informed as a matter of priority.

Yours sincerely,

Beverley Stanislaus
Headteacher

*** KEY WORKERS AS DEFINED BY LATEST GUIDANCE PUBLISHED ON 19
MARCH 2020**

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of

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the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.