



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

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Service Compassion Justice Perseverance

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

Friday 15 May 2020

Dear Families

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to you and your children. Thank you for the positive and adaptable way in which you have approached the change to learning which is entering its eighth week. Thank you for your encouragement and kind words when you call the school. Thank you for all that you are doing to support your daughter and work in partnership with us as you balance the demands of homeschooling with your own work and personal responsibilities.

I am sure you have been following the regular Government updates and the Prime Minister's address to the nation on Monday 11 May when he announced the plan to begin the phased reopening of schools from 1 June 2020.

We are all keen to have the students back in school learning, growing and socialising but only when the Government says it appropriate and safe to do so. There were some announcements for both primary and secondary schools. It does appear that for Year 7 to 9 it looks likely that students will not return before September. The government gave some guidance about other year groups and said the following:

'From 1 June 2020, we expect that secondary schools and colleges will be able to offer some face to face contact with year 10 and year 12 pupils. This will not be a return to full timetables or pupils back in school or college full time, rather some support to supplement pupils' remote education.'

We are beginning to plan for what this will look like for Year 10 and Year 12, inviting students into school in small groups at staggered times to facilitate social distancing. We also have our longer term planning when we look forward to reopening to more students when we are able to safely do so. I am sure you will appreciate that the planning will take time. We will need to do this carefully and cautiously.

Reopening school is still not clear as we are waiting for more information from the government about the 5 tests that were expected to be met prior to schools opening their doors to more students. So for now, we continue with the home learning and our in school provision for some students. If you meet the criteria and want your child to come to school please do contact us.

In the meantime to support us with our planning, it would be helpful to know how many of you will send your child to school once we open. If you are a parent/carer of a Year 10 or Year 12 child, please click [here](#) to complete our online survey.

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I hope you have been enjoying our Simply the Best Home Learning Bulletin. Issue 5 is on our website today. We are delighted to showcase so many pieces of exemplary learning and to publish this on a weekly basis.

In support of 'Thank a Teacher Day' which takes place on 20 May 2020, students have been sending in positive messages and poems. Thank you! You can read some of these poems in issue 5.

I am delighted to announce that during this period of lockdown, Sarah in Year 11, entered a 'Design a Banner' competition. Although she did not win, and we know it's more about taking part than winning, we were pleased that out of over 2,100 entries, her design made it to the gallery on the FSE Design website. You can read more about the competition and see Sarah's art work in the latest news section on our website. You can view her entry in the gallery by visiting the website of FSE Design. <https://www.fsedesign.co.uk/banner-competition/>

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we continue to muster all our strength to get through this extraordinary and difficult time. We continue to pray for our school community that one day we'll be together again. Until then, do contact us at the school if you have any concerns or questions.

Please see new government guidance for parents that will be helpful in preparing you for the eventuality of sending your child back to school.

[Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers](#)

As we move toward the gradual ease of lockdown, we stay alert, to control the virus and save lives.

Every Blessing



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