



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

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*Service Compassion Justice Perseverance*

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Dear Families

As we approach the end of the Easter break, I look forward to welcoming back to school our students from families of key workers and students from other groups, as identified by the government. We have strict social distancing and hygiene practices in place to which students and staff all adhere.

For our students who are not currently in school, staff at St Martin's have been working conscientiously to ensure learning is set through the online google classrooms. Paper packs are also available where they are required.

Yesterday, the nation was informed by the government that the lockdown will continue for 'at least' another three weeks. This is a very difficult time for all of us, however it is important that we follow the guidelines as set out by the government. Please do not allow your daughter to go out and meet with friends.

The NHS has produced traffic light guidance for parents during coronavirus. The guidance says the following:

*Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If your child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.*

*Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when your child is unwell or injured. Remember that NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done.*

Please read the full traffic light guidance from the NHS which has been attached to this letter.

I will continue to keep you updated, in the meantime, I want to reiterate that we are all working together to support your daughters in their learning at this difficult and unprecedented time. Please also visit our website, we always update our latest news page. All letters to families can be found in the news and events section on our website. You can also read more about the closure of educational settings on the government website [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Closure of educational settings: information for parents and carers](#)

From all of us here, we pray for our school community and ask God for his guidance, continuing strength and that we all remain safe and well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school should you have any questions or concerns.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1-2*

Blessings

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