

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

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Dear Year 10 Families

Thank you for completing the online survey and helping us to look at our planning for the potential re-opening of school in line with the government announcement below.

'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.'

Since my last letter to you, there is still much uncertainty and any reopening of schools will be limited by the government's 5 key tests. For now we will not be open more widely.

Our planning in school is also informed by the concerns and comments from staff, families and students. Your responses to the survey clearly indicate your ongoing concerns around safety and the majority of you said that it was not the right time for your daughter to return to school.

It is paramount that we safeguard the health and wellbeing of our school community, so for now, we will continue with online learning. Education unions are having regular meetings with Public Health and various government personnel. We will wait for further updates.

We are looking at alternative methods for some 'face to face contact' and I will write to you again once we have a programme in place. In the meantime, your daughter should continue with the online learning through google classrooms or use the paper packs that we have provided.

As you know, we are open for students of families who are key workers and for students in the groups identified as priority. If you do wish your daughter to be part of this provision, please contact the school. She will have access to a computer to complete the same learning that students are working on from home. Please visit our home learning section on the school website for information on school provision.

Thank you for your patience and for the support you are giving your daughter to continue learning at home and for all the kind words you pass on to the staff at St Martin's. It keeps us all going at this incredibly difficult time.

With best wishes for your continued good health and safety.

Your sincerely

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