



2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update 02/12/2022

I hope this update finds you well. Our SENCO, Heather, has prepared another useful update for you which you will find on the next page.

Thank you for your support today in providing your child/young person with a packed lunch. The kitchen will not be open again on Monday. Please may I ask if you could provide your child with a packed lunch on this day. Students in receipt of Free School Meals can have a pack-up prepared for them which will be organised through school via class groups.

We will update you on Monday about when the kitchen will re-open. Please be assured that we are working hard with our partners to have the kitchen open again and serving meals as soon as practicably possible, and we apologise for any upset that this may have caused. Please let us know if there is anything further that we can do to ease the impact of this situation.

Best wishes,

Sabrina Hobbs
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**Update from
Heather
(SENCO)**



We have been really fortunate at St Martins to be supported by Nina & Tuesday (Occupational Therapy Students from the University of Derby). They have been working with a range of students across St Martins and Horizons to support with a range of needs; gross motor skills, fine motor skills, independent living skills and community skills.

We have also been working closely with Children's Choice Therapy Service and have a qualified Occupational Therapist working in school once a half term.

Please contact myself or Emma Banks at school if you feel that your child would benefit from support with:

- Fine/Gross Motor Skills
- Independent/Community Skills
- Socialisation
- Sensory Needs/Regulation
- Coping Strategies

We can then discuss further and support through the OTs available in school.

SENCO Celebration...

Four of our students have been working with Derby City Virtual School and Marie Chadwick to provide their thoughts and opinions about behaviour and special needs. It has been amazing to hear some of the interactions the students have been having but mostly, the difference they are making for young people across the city. Another proud moment for St Martins!

Would you be interested in an Autism Sensory Pack? If so, you can apply through Caudwell Children...

Processing everyday sensory information can be extremely difficult for children with autism, any of their senses can become over or under stimulated by the environment around them. This is why we have created affordable sensory packs that were specifically designed to support children with autism. We have been mindful that the pack needed to be fun, educational, durable and safe. Many of the items in the pack are compact, so they are suitable for travel or to take to school.

<https://www.caudwellchildren.com/autism-sensory-packs/>

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 21st October

School Starts Back – Monday 31st October

School Breaks up for Christmas – Thursday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 9th January 2023

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 16th February

INSET Day – Friday 17th February

School Starts Back – Monday 27th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 17th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May *new date for Coronation of King Charles*

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 26th May

School Starts Back – Monday 5th June

INSET Day – Monday 26th June

School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 21st July

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