

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

**Weekly Update: 10/02/23**

I hope this update finds you well. This half term has flown past and we are nearing a well-deserved rest. Students break up on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, returning on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Our SENCO, Heather, has prepared another useful update for you which talks about Annual Reviews, School Transport, Class Charts, and ASD support appointments. I hope you find this helpful.

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**Annual Reviews:**

Thank you to all of the parent carers that have been involved with this academic year's annual reviews. The team chairing these reviews continue to enjoy celebrating the success of each student and it is a great opportunity to discuss our next steps and collaborations. As a school, we continue to work with the Local Authority to update plans and ensure our provision meets the needs of your young person. As always, your parent carer views ahead of any part of the meeting are vital. Please get in touch if you have any feedback or would like to discuss any aspect of the annual review process further.

**Transport:**

Myself, Toni & Sally will be meeting with Derby City Transport Team next week to discuss potential transport arrangements for the 2023-24 academic year. The Local Authority have recently updated their home to School Transport Assistance policy and we will be working in collaboration to ensure students that need to access transport, can do so. However, the Local Authority are also working with schools to streamline and save costs across the service. For all students leaving St Martins in Year 11, a NEW transport application must be completed for their next placement – this includes those transitioning to Horizons 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Forms are available from Sally in the school office.

**Class Charts:**

As a school, we are going to be launching Class Charts to reward positive behaviours and identify behaviours that students need support with. We are in the early process of designing what this will look like for St Martins and our students and

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we would appreciate your support and feedback. Please could you complete the

short Microsoft Forms to provide ideas and opinions. Thank you in advance for your support with this. <https://forms.office.com/e/kp2SfpvnSj>

### **ASD Support Appointments:**

I wanted to signpost you to a parent ASD support service delivered by Children's Centre Autism Champions for Parent Carers of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. These sessions will give you an opportunity to talk to an ASD Champion, gain information and support and discover local sources of support (including Umbrella, SENDIASS and Local Offer). They are now offering a blended service, appointments will be either face-to-face sessions with limited numbers in our Centres, or 1-1 telephone support. Please contact your nearest centre as listed below to book your appointment slot, either in the centre or over the telephone.

#### **Boulton Children's Centre**

47b Holbrook Road, Alvaston, Derby, DE24 0DD

Tel: 01332 956500

email: [alvaston.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk](mailto:alvaston.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk)

Tuesdays between 10.00am - 11.30am

7<sup>th</sup> March

Telephone and face to face appointments are available, please request when booking.

#### **Mackworth/Morley / Derwent & Audrey Drive Children's Centres**

Telephone appointments are available or contact us to book a face-to-face appointment in one of our 3 children's centres:

8<sup>th</sup> March – between 9.30am-11.30am

For further information ring: 01332 208175 or Email:

[mackworth.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk](mailto:mackworth.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk)

#### **Austin/Sunnyhill Children's Centre**

Browning Street, Derby, DE23 8DN

Tel: 01332 640090

Email: [austin.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk](mailto:austin.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk)

Tuesdays between 1- 3pm

21<sup>st</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> March

Telephone and face to face appointments are available, please request when booking.

With best wishes,



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### **Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023**

#### **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 8<sup>th</sup> May

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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