



17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

**Weekly Update: 17/01/25**

We hope this update finds you well. This week's update has a focus on E-Safety, as following recent concerns we want to continue to support families to be able to help manage the risks of technology and be able to have positive and constructive conversations regarding this.

**E-Safety Update**

Recently, Parent Carers have shared concerns over phone usage; specifically involving messages, and we urge all Parent Carers to regularly check devices and put monitoring tools in place to ensure their child's safety online.

As technology has become a place where many of our young people spend a lot of time, it is essential for us all to actively support keeping them safe online.

E-Safety is taught in school, as part of PSHE and Computing; and themes are varied to keep up to date with new trends and emerging issues.

If you do find anything of concern, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Safeguarding Team.

- Please encourage open conversations about the digital world with your child explaining both the benefits and risks.
- Set clear guidelines on what is and what isn't acceptable behaviour online and consider using parental controls to monitor/track activity.
- Fami safe, Apple Screen time and Google Family Link are all recommended monitoring tools available.
- Consider limiting access to the technology your child has as part of a strategy to model and teach a healthy and balanced approach. Time away from online interactions gives space to process and gain perspective.

The most important thing is to foster a sense of trust so that your child feels comfortable in coming to you with any concerns. By staying informed and involved we can help our young people navigate the online world safely and confidently.

Please visit the NSPCC website which has some advice centred around online safety specifically for parents with children who have additional needs -

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

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### **Face Coverings**

Please can we remind all Parent Carers that students are not permitted to wear items that cover their face, such as Ski Masks, when in school as they can be intimidating for others. Any student wearing a face covering like this will be asked to remove it. Thank you for your support.

### **Parent Carer Evening**

Letters have been sent home for the Parent Carer Evenings on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. If you have not received a letter, please get in touch with your child's pastoral team.

### **Snacks in school**

St Martins is proud to encourage students to eat a healthy diet, and we provide them with bagels and fruit at the start of the school day. If you send snacks in with your child/young person, please do not send sweets or chocolate bars. Please also remember that products containing nuts cannot be brought to school.

### **Umbrella – Non-Contact Boxing Sessions**

Umbrella are running non-contact boxing sessions for students and Parent Carers. Please see the flyer on the next page for more information.

With best wishes,

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**Sabrina Hobbs**  
**Executive Headteacher**

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**Toni Beardmore**  
**Head of School**

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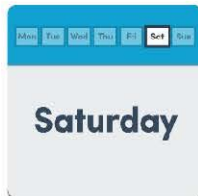
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# Non-Contact Boxing

A fun activity for all ages, abilities and fitness



Saturdays  
Starting on 08 February 2025



10am - 11am  
Children's session



11am - 12pm  
Adult's session (Over 18 years old)



**Mackworth Community Centre,  
Prince Charles Avenue, Mackworth,  
Derby, DE22 4FN**



£4 per session



For more information contact Nicola Green [Nicola.green@umbrella.uk.net](mailto:Nicola.green@umbrella.uk.net)

Instructor George adapts the activity so everyone can join in.

No need to pre book. Turn up, join in and have fun!





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## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025**

### **Spring Term 2025**

School Starts Back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

School Starts Back – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2025**

Bank Holiday – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

INSET Day – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

School Starts Back – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Starts Back – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

INSET Day – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July

St Martins follows Derby City Council's term dates. Dates for next year can be found on their website – please follow the link for these - <https://derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/term-holiday-dates/#>

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