

17th March 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 17/03/23

I hope this update finds you well. Thank you for your support this week during the industrial action that has taken place. Currently, there are not any more strike days planned although the unions have not resolved their ongoing issues in education with the government as of yet. We will keep you updated should any further industrial action be scheduled.

In this week's update, please find a link to Derby City Council's Home to School Transport newsletter, and a survey for you to share your feedback on the Evidence for Learning Family App.

With the Easter holiday drawing closer, please let us know if you require any additional support during the two week break. This will help us to tailor our Safeguarding support leaflet to more families. The leaflet will be sent home in the last week of the term.

Derby City Council – Home to School Transport

Derby City Council have published their Home to School Transport newsletter.

<http://st-martins-school.schudio.com/documents/c3e7f400ed592f774cb9d7b21684382c>

Please take some time to read this in case your child/young person is affected by any changes. In particular, there are changes to transport arrangements for students moving to and currently in Post-16 – Derby City Council may no longer arrange taxis or minibuses for students; instead, students eligible for transport may have personal travel budgets instead which can be used to:

- purchase an annual bus pass(es)
- cover or contribute towards fuel costs
- cover or contribute to the cost of a taxi
- cover or contribute towards childcare costs for younger siblings, to allow parents to take their post 16 young person to school or college

There will also be a new Independent Travel Training service to help and support more young people to become independent travellers. This service will be delivered by Transition 2.

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Evidence for Learning Family App

Our Evidence for Learning Family App has now been successfully launched. If you haven't already, you can download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The app allows you to see any shared learning that your child has done in school. As we continue to share the exciting picture and video evidence, we would like to gather some feedback on the apps use. Please could you take a couple of minutes to complete this simple feedback form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/nMG8EWAz2h>

Wishing you a great weekend,



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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 8th 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

Dates for the next academic year can be found on our website:

<https://www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk/termdates>

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