

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

**Weekly Update: 22/09/23**

I hope this update finds you well. This week, our Safeguarding and Family Support Team have put together some useful information on what they have to offer, and share details of our first Parent Carer Coffee Morning of the year. I trust you will find this useful.

With best wishes,



**Sabrina Hobbs**  
**Principal**

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## **Safeguarding and Family Support**

At St Martins we work together to create and maintain a safe, supportive environment, protecting the rights and needs of children at all times. We have a responsibility to help identify signs of young people in need of additional support or protection and work with families to refer to additional agencies if and when required. Our aim is to ensure that all of our students are safe, happy, confident and secure.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Jessica Longhurst, has overarching responsibilities regarding safeguarding in school.

We also have Deputy Safeguarding Leads across all of our sites at St Martins, Horizons and Project Search to support our students.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01332 571151, and ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team. Alternatively, please email [stmartins-safeguarding@shaw-education.org.uk](mailto:stmartins-safeguarding@shaw-education.org.uk) and a member of the team will get back to you.

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We work closely together to offer support to families and have a dedicated family support team who are on hand to support families with a range of services for you and your child on their journey with us at St Martins and Horizons.

We can provide support on:

- Information on services
- Information on funding
- Behaviour
- relationships/friendships
- Benefits
- Hygiene / puberty
- Tailor-made support for home to help with routines and preparation for changes
- Opportunities for sharing experiences with other parent carers
- Parent Carers sessions with outside speakers and staff who can offer training and advice

We work closely together to offer support and encourage you to talk to us, no issue is too small to share!

The Family Support Team consists of:  
Jessica Longhurst, Marie Chadwick and Monika Wood.

To make contact please call the Office and ask to speak to a member of the Family Support Team.

As a team, we would like to take the opportunity to invite you to our first Coffee Morning of the academic year! This will be hosted at our café at the Arboretum Park. Please see the leaflet attached for details.



Kind regards,

**Jessica Longhurst**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

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## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024**

### **Autumn Term**

INSET Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

School Starts Back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### **Spring Term**

School Starts Back – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

School Starts Back – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### **Summer Term**

INSET Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School Starts Back – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

INSET Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

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

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# Parent Carer Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our first  
Coffee Morning of the school year!



Our first event will be an informal chance to meet our Family Support Team, gain support or advice and meet other Parent Carers. The Coffee Morning will take place at our wonderful new cafe that our students are taking a big role in developing.

**When:** Tuesday 10th October (World Mental Health Day)

**Where:** Our Cafe at Arboretum Park – DE23 8FR (parking available on surrounding streets)

**Time:** 10:00am–11:30am

If you have any questions, please call the School Office on 01332 571151 and ask for a member of the Family Support Team

We look forward to seeing you!