

25th October 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 25/10/24

First of all, we would like to thank you all for your support this week during our Ofsted Inspection. Whilst we are unable to share the outcome with you at the moment, we want to thank you for completing the Parent View survey – 54 responses were received – and although we are unable to see your comments, an overwhelming majority of families expressed positive opinions about our school. We are very grateful for the overwhelming support that we have felt from our community.

Thank you to the students for being themselves and talking with the Inspectors with great honesty and enthusiasm. Students impressed the Inspectors with their positive attitudes and the respect and kindness that they show for each other. We are so proud of our students and the journeys that they are on and progress that they make.

Thank you to our fantastic team who do what they do every day – Inspectors told staff to do everything as they normally would during the inspection, and that's what we did. Our staff team are an amazing and committed collection of people who come together for a common cause – to help and support your young people.

Please see below for a Safeguarding Update, information on School Photograph orders and Flu Vaccination clinics.

Safeguarding Update

Our Safeguarding Team are here to support you and your young people as they navigate through life. The online world is forever evolving and it's so important we educate ourselves as Parent Carers to help keep our young people safe.

Here are five top tips to help keep your family safe online:

1. **Open Communication** Encourage and have regular conversations about online experiences this can help with any uncomfortable conversations that may need to be had at another time.
2. **Set Clear Rules** This could be things like time limits and a list of appropriate websites. Ensuring communication is respectful and discussing the consequences of negative behaviour online. Think before you share.

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3. **Risk** Teach your child about online dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and stranger awareness. Explain the importance of being cautious of who your child is interacting with. Discuss the importance of privacy and not sharing personal information online. Ensuring profiles are private and encourage your child to only accept friend requests from people they know.

4. **Parental controls** There is some brilliant software to help keep your child safe online:
 - Life 360 - Best for tracking
 - Google Family Link - Allows parents to restrict content, approve or disapprove apps, set screen times, and more.
 - FamilyTime - A parental control app that helps you monitor and manage your child's digital safety and screen time is a parental control app that helps you monitor and manage your child's digital safety and screen time.
 - Please visit [Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#) for further guidance - 'Because children deserve a safe digital world'

5. **Healthy Relationships** As part of Shaping Successful Futures at St Martins and Horizons we educate all students on healthy relationships. Children form bonds with others at all stages of their development. Forming healthy, positive relationships helps children and young people feel safe, secure and supported as they grow up, but unhealthy relationships can have a long-lasting negative impact. These relationships play a key role in a young person's wellbeing. It is really important we have open conversations about relationships to help your child recognise healthy and unhealthy relationships. When starting a conversation choose the right time, maybe try on a walk together as this can help your child feel more relaxed. Make it relevant - maybe a TV programme you watch together and discuss a current story line. Ask questions such as, How do you feel? What do your friends think? Do you think the relationship is healthy or unhealthy? Don't rush, take your time. For further advice, please visit [Healthy relationships | NSPCC](#)

Tempest Photography

For free delivery to school of your child's portrait photograph, please order online by **Tuesday 5th November 2024**. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Please call 01736 751555 for assistance.

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School Flu Immunisation – Community Clinics

Please see below for local community clinics for those young people who may have missed the opportunity for a Flu Immunisation in school.

School Aged Flu Immunisation Clinics in Derbyshire

Please note: These clinics are for school aged children who live in the Derbyshire area and have not received their routine Flu vaccination in school or elsewhere. The clinics are appointment only. For more information or to book an appointment please call IntraHealth on the below telephone number. Tel: 0333 358 3397 option 5

We kindly ask that where possible only 1 accompanying adult attends.

Monday 28 th October 2024	Chesterfield The Green Enterprise and Training Centre, 6 Arden Close, Loundsley Green (Entrance on Arden Close) S40 4NE	10.00am-15.30pm
Tuesday 29 th October 2024	Derby Nottingham Rd Fire Station Chaddesden, DE21 6FP	10.00am – 15.30pm
Wednesday 30 th Oct 2024	Ilkeston Fire Station Community Rooms DE7 5EZ	10.00am – 15.30pm
Thursday 31 st Oct 2024	Swadlincote Fire Station Community Rooms DE11 0AE	10.00am – 13.00pm
Thursday 31 st Oct 2024	Ascot Drive Fire Station 10 Ascot Drive, Allenton, Derby DE24 8GZ	10.00am – 15.30pm
Friday 1 st November 2024	Alfreton Head Office (near Tesco's) Genesis Business Centre, King Street, Alfreton DE55 7DQ	09.30am – 15.30pm
Saturday 16 th November 2024	Alfreton Head Office (near Tesco's) Genesis Business Centre, King Street, Alfreton DE55 7DQ	10.00am – 13.00pm
Thursday 12 th December 2024	After School pop up - Derby Nottingham Rd Fire Station Chaddesden, DE21 6FP	15.30pm – 18.00pm
Monday 23 rd December 2024	Alfreton Head Office (near Tesco's) Genesis Business Centre, King Street, Alfreton DE55 7DQ	09.00am – 17.00pm
Monday 30 th Dec-24	Derby Nottingham Rd Fire Station Chaddesden, DE21 6FP	10.00am – 15.30pm
Tuesday 31 st Dec 2024	Ilkeston Fire Station Community Rooms DE7 5EZ	10.00am – 14.00pm
Thursday 2 nd January 2024	Alfreton Head Office (near Tesco's) Genesis Business Centre, King Street, Alfreton DE55 7DQ	09.30am – 15.30pm
Friday 3 rd January 2024	Ascot Drive Fire Station 10 Ascot Drive, Allenton, Derby DE24 8GZ	10.00am – 15.00pm
Friday 3 rd January 2024	Chesterfield The Green Enterprise and Training Centre, 6 Arden Close, Loundsley Green (Entrance on Arden Close), S40 4NE	10.00am – 15.30pm
Mon 23 rd December 2024	High Peak - Bradbury Community House Market Street, Glossop, SK13 8AR	10.00am – 15.30pm
Thursday 2 nd Jan 2025	Swadlincote Fire Station Community Rooms DE11 0AE	10.00am – 12.30pm

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We hope that our school community uses the half term to rest and re-charge, ready for the half term ahead; and we look forward to being able to share more news with you once our Inspection Report has been released.

Please don't forget that Monday 4th November is an INSET Day – students will be back in school on Tuesday 5th November.

With best wishes,

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Day – Wednesday 4th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Thursday 5th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 25th October

INSET Day – Monday 4th November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 5th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

School Starts Back – Monday 6th January 2025

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13th February

INSET Day – Friday 14th February

School Starts Back – Monday 24th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April

INSET Day – Tuesday 22nd April

School Starts Back – Wednesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd May

School Starts Back – Monday 2nd June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23rd July

INSET Day – Thursday 24th 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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