

## St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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**Dear Families** 

I do not mean to keep bombarding you with letters, however, virtually every day there is new guidance and it is important I share this with you. Please also, everyday visit our website news page, we will keep this updated.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Yesterday I wrote to you about the Free School Meals provision, this letter would only apply to our families whose daughters are eligible for a free school meal. Lambeth Local Authority have contacted us with information from the DfE about **SCAM EMAILS.** 

They have said "We have been informed that some parents have received an email stating the following:"

'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'.

We can confirm that this is a scam email and is not official. We urge parents that if you receive any emails like this, please do not respond, and delete it immediately. If your child is eligible for a Free School Meal, do not communicate with anyone other than the school.

## IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL DISTANCING IN EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE SETTINGS

The government has strongly reiterated their plea for citizens to stay at home wherever possible and to adhere to the social distancing guidance whilst in public. As you know, the government asked schools to remain open for some key groups of students. Today the government has also published further guidance on social distancing that particularly relates to schools and other settings. Please read more information from this link

Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing social distancing in education and childcare settings

As you know we have been welcoming students throughout this week and had already implemented our own strict operational social distancing guidance so we are, in fact, already meeting the requirements of the new guidance published today. A copy of our onsite provision guidance accompanies this letter and can also be found on our website.

## **STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Yesterday you were sent a list of staff and their email addresses to make it easier for you to contact them as necessary. If you have any concerns regarding work, please contact the class teacher or the head of department in the first instance. If you do not receive a reply within 24 hours, please ring the school as the member of staff may be unwell.

Yours sincerely

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