



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

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Friday 28 August 2020

Dear Families

## RETURN TO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

We are at the end of the summer holidays and are looking forward to seeing the students next week.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate through all the guidance to make our school as safe as possible for everyone.

Please read to the end, again there will be a lot of information in this letter, some of which is a reminder, a lot of which is new information.

### Risk Assessment, Visual Guidance, Family Handbook - Return to School Information

I hope you have had the opportunity to read these documents. It is very important that you do as it gives you a comprehensive understanding of the precautions we have taken to ensure the safety of everyone when school is reopened. The guidance was updated again on 26 August with the information on face coverings.

### Face Coverings

On Tuesday 25 August 2020, the government amended its policy on face coverings in line with a new statement made by [World Health Organisation](https://www.who.int) (WHO) on 21 August advising that *"children aged 12 and over should wear a mask under the same conditions as adults, in particular when they cannot guarantee at least a 1-metre distance from others and there is widespread transmission in the area."*

The guidance also stipulates that face coverings are not recommended for the classroom, but schools have the discretion to require face coverings to be worn in communal areas if they believe that is right in their particular circumstances.

As we are a small school and the students have been grouped into bubbles, based in a classroom, movement in school will be extremely limited, there will be no requirement for students to wear face coverings at present. However, we will keep this under review. [Face Coverings in Education](#) website.

### Travel to School

London transport now has a dedicated webpage for education which will be regularly updated at: <https://tfl.gov.uk/reopeningeducation>. This webpage has some useful resources to help you plan for your daughter to travel to school safely and sustainably. A [Travel Guidance for Schools](#) item is on the latest news page on our website

### Letter from Senior Members of Staff at Lambeth Council

Senior members of Lambeth Council have written to parents/carers, I am sending this letter to you separately. The letter also invites you to an online webinar with a panel from various education settings. This is on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 3pm** with the aim to support and encourage all families to feel confident about sending their children back to school next week and to answer any questions that you may have.

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When we return, not only will your daughter see lots of change around the school site, there will also be some change to the teaching staff.

This summer we said goodbye to Ms Addo, who retired, Ms Defreitas, who moved to a promoted post as Head of Department, and Ms Poole, who has left us to be a Deputy Head in a school nearer to her home. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking them all for their hard work, energy, commitment and dedication to St Martin's and wish them well as they continue on their new paths.

We will also say hello to some new staff who will join the school in September. Ms Mpofu, will join us as Head of Science, Ms Neely, Science teacher and Mr Dane, Geography teacher. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them all to St Martin's.

As a reminder, your daughter will return for a bespoke induction workshop as per the timetable below. Please ensure she is ready with full school uniform and none of the prohibited accessories. We really do not want to start the new year embroiled in issues around hair colour, piercings, acrylic nails and other non uniform items.

Once school has returned, after about two weeks or so, I will invite you to a virtual meeting and we can review how the first few weeks have gone. I will be in touch with you about when the meeting will take place and send you the link.

Our website is always updated, so please refer to the [latest news](#) page.

With best wishes for a peaceful bank holiday weekend.



Beverley Stanislaus  
Headteacher

Day/Date	Year group	Start and Finish Times
<b>Thursday 3 September 2020</b>	Year 7 and Year 12 Year 10 and Year 11	8:30 to 12:15 1:00 to 3:00
<b>Friday 4 September 2020</b>	Year 7 and Year 8 Year 9 Year 13	8:30 to 12:15 8:50 to 12:30 9:30 to 12:30
<b>Monday 7 September 2020</b>	All Students	Times as outlined in letter the letter send to families <a href="#">21 August 2020</a>