



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

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Dear Families

I write to you at the end of this unusual term to let you know that school is closed to everyone for the next two weeks. We will reopen on Monday 20 April 2020 in line with the government's guidance for students of families of key workers and students identified in the vulnerable groups.

HOME LEARNING

Today we launch our first edition of St Martin's Home Learning Simply the Best bulletin. This is a showcase of examples of learning that we have collected from students. It really demonstrates that even in these difficult times, students continue to take their studies seriously. I hope you will enjoy looking at this weekly bulletin. You can find a copy of this to view on our website.

We have had many positive comments about the Home Learning section on our school website. It is a place where you can find all the information you will need to help you support your child during the time of school closure. Finding websites to help with learning is so important and we have put together a range of these on the learning resources page. If there are any websites that you have used that you would like to recommend, please let us know, we can add them to our growing list.

INCREASED FRAUD RISK DURING COVID-19 pandemic

Periods of instability, such as during the coronavirus pandemic, bring an increased risk of fraud. Fraudsters will actively exploit these difficult times and will target vulnerable areas for financial gain. Action Fraud reported a **400%** increase in reports of coronavirus related fraud in March 2020. The reported frauds are varied and include:

- charity fraud
- online shopping fraud
- phishing emails

Further information is available on the [ActionFraud website](#).

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The government voucher system for free school meal provision is now up and running and will begin on 20 April 2020. If your daughter is entitled to free school meals, you will receive an email from Edenred. This is genuine and they are acting on behalf of St Martin's and the DfE. Please follow the instructions in the email when you receive it.

Thank you for your support. It is a difficult and anxious time for us all. We will continue to pray and put our faith and trust in God that better times will come again.

***He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust". Psalm 91:1-2***

On behalf of the Governors and staff of St Martin's.

Yours sincerely

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