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## Changes to Partial Opening from Wednesday 1st July

30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents,

With more of you returning to work and needing a place for your child in school, we have made the following changes to our partial opening with effect from tomorrow, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This is in line with government guidance to ensure key worker children can attend school.

St Margaret's Academy

- There will now be a bubble for each year for key worker children or vulnerable pupils (KW/VP). These should be booked via the School Gateway. Each bubble is capped at 15.
- Year 1 will now be closed except for KW/VPs who can attend their own bubble.

These changes will take us through to the end of term.

Reception classes (Ash and Elm) will continue to be open to all pupils as normal on a parttime basis as previously described. See below for dates up to and including 10<sup>th</sup> July. KW/VPs in Reception will have to book into their bubble on the days their class is not in.

	July										
	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15
Ash	✓			<b>√</b>	✓				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Elm		<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>			<b>\</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>\</b>			<b>✓</b>

(NB. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July is the last day for Reception children.)

The below drop off and collection times have been amended slightly to support better social distancing at the gate. Please help us by endeavouring to drop off and collect promptly. If you have more than one child in school you are welcome to drop off and collect at only one time that's convenient to your shift.

Bubble	Drop Off	Classroom/s	Collection		
Reception classes	8:45-9:05am car park	Ash and Elm classes	2.45pm car park		
Year R KW/VP	8:45-8.55am front slope	Pine class (KS1 block)	2.55pm from KS1 block		
	and up to KS1 block		and down front slope		
Year 1 KW/VP	8:50-9.00am front slope	Beech class (KS1	2.55pm from KS1 block		
	and up to KS1 block	block)	and down front slope		
Year 2 KW/VP	8:50-9.00am front slope	Oak class (KS1 block)	3.00pm front slope		
Year 3 KW/VP	8:55-9:05am front slope	Cherry class	3.05pm front slope		
Year 4 KW/VP	8.55-9.05am front slope	Holly class	3.05pm front slope		
Year 5 KW/VP	9.00-9.10am front slope	Willow class	3.05pm front slope		
Year 6 KW/VP	9.00-9.10am front slope	Hawthorn class	3.05pm front slope		
Transition groups	9.05-9.15am front slope	Hazel / Maple on	2.50pm front slope		
		alternate days			

Please can I appeal to you to only book a place for your child if you cannot safely care for them at home (or with family members as support bubbles expand). Many of our parents are in desperate need of a place in school to enable them to either return to work or to continue to work as they have done throughout lockdown. We also have families with vulnerable children who are equally desperate for a place in school. Thank you.

To reassure you, in school we have a continued focus on safety. In summary, we prioritise our procedures as follows in line with government guidance:

- 1. We do all we can to avoid contact with anyone with symptoms.
- 2. We ensure frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices for ourselves and children.
- 3. We each all play our part in enhanced regular cleaning.
- 4. We minimise contact and mixing as much as possible

Finally, thank you for your support and kind thoughts that we regularly receive. These continue to be really challenging and unprecedented times that continue to test us to the maximum. Your understanding really helps us get through this and is very much appreciated.

As always, very best wishes to you and your families,

Tim Hughes

**Head Teacher** 

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