



Seahaven Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term 2: Updates from Seahaven Academy

Test and Trace during the Xmas break

Schools have been asked to support the national Test and Trace system during the Xmas holidays which requires students and staff to report positive test results to the school. Schools are then asked to trace contacts of a positive test result from the 48 hours before the onset of symptoms.

In order to ensure that we can make this system as effective as possible, please could you let the school know by emailing the following address if your child has a COVID-19 test:

Term2@seahavenacademy.org.uk

This service will only be open until 8am on Thursday 24th December.

We will need to know the following:

- Name of student
- Year group
- Date when symptoms started
- Date when test was taken

If the test result is not immediate, please can you then email again once you have received the test result to let us know whether it was positive or negative. This will give us the maximum amount of time possible to trace any potential 'close contacts' for positive cases and send out messages for them to self-isolate for 10 days.

Messages for self-isolation will be sent via text to the named parent/carer.

Start of Term 3 - important changes

Monday 4th January and Tuesday 5th January are INSET days. School will be closed to students for staff training.

You will be aware that the government's plans for schools returning in January are currently under review with the recommendation being that there should be a staggered return in the first week. This is both to reduce possible transmission after Christmas and also to give schools time to begin to prepare for mass COVID testing programmes. At present we are being asked to prepare to welcome the following groups back at the start of term:



Principal Sarah Pringle

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- Year 11 students
- Vulnerable students
- Students with parents who are keyworkers

All other students will be asked to access our online learning (clearly marked on the home page of the website) until Monday 11th January when all students will be expected to return to school.

Since the majority of our students are likely to fit into one of the above categories (there is no need to confirm key worker status with us at this stage) we will aim to be fully staffed and running all our usual classes in school alongside the online provision for the first 3 days of term (Wednesday 6th January – Friday 8th January). We will let you know of any changes and/ or confirm the above on Monday 4th January (INSET day). We are very sorry for such late notice of changes to the planned start of term, but unfortunately this information was only shared with schools yesterday.

We hope you all have a very happy Christmas break and look forward to seeing our students again in the new year.

Yours sincerely

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