

7th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Updates from Seahaven Academy

We are now in the final 2 weeks of the autumn terms and a new year is less than a month away. We had no idea what this term would be like when we reopened the school for all students in September, and it was difficult to imagine how we would manage to organise school life with all the COVID restrictions placed on education. However, we have had a very positive first two terms this year and are looking forward to more of the same 'can do' attitude after the break. Please note the following important messages for the next few weeks:

Tier 2 COVID restrictions

As you will know, the local area was placed in 'Tier 2' following the 2nd lockdown period ending on 2nd December. The conditions for schools in Tier 2 have not required us to make any changes, especially since we had already taken the decision to require masks for all students and staff in communal area before the 2nd lockdown started. We have been really impressed with the positive way in which the vast majority of students have responded to the regular changes to the rules for them and staff continue to work tirelessly to ensure that we can keep as much of the school running as 'normally' as possible.

Test and Trace during the Xmas break

Schools will still be supporting 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.

Individuals who develop symptoms within 48 hours of the last day of term (or their last day in school, whichever is the earliest), will need to notify the school of a positive test result. Equally, anyone who is asymptomatic but who is tested in this 48-hour window and where a positive result is obtained will also need to notify the school. Since our last day of term is 18th December, anyone in school on that day who develops symptoms on 19th or 20th December will need to notify the school if their test is returned positive. Anyone developing symptoms on 21st December or beyond does <u>not</u> need to notify the school, regardless of the test result.

Please report any positive test results during this period by emailing the following address: Term2@seahavenacademy.org.uk

This email address will be checked daily before 6pm and any positive cases will be reported to the DfE for further guidance and parents/ carers will be contacted if there is any action needed.



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Keep Up, Catch Up

Students are encouraged to attend the 'Keep Up, Catch Up' sessions held twice weekly for each year group in order to ensure that all their independent learning/ homework is up to date. These sessions are for getting ahead with work if students prefer to stay in school to complete it, or to finish off work if a member of staff reminds them that it needs to be handed in. Sessions are held on the following days:

Monday 2.20-	Tuesday 2.20-	Wednesday 2.20-	Thursday 2.20-
4.00pm	4.00pm	4.00pm	4.00pm
Year 8 - LRC/ N16	Year 7 - E01	Year 8 - LRC/ N16	Year 7 - E01
Year 10 - N32	Year 9 - LRC/ N16	Year 10 - N32	Year 9 - LRC/ N16
	Year 11 - N32		Year 11 - N32

We have had a very positive response to this support in the last two weeks, so hope that this will provide students with additional time to keep up and catch up when they need it.

End of Term 2

The last day of term will be Friday 18th December with an early finish at 12.20pm for students. Food will be available earlier in the day (including free school meals).

INSET Days, Term 3

The school will be closed to students on Monday 4th January and Tuesday 5th January for staff training. The school term will start for all students on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Yours sincerely

Seahaven Academy