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Dear Parents and Carers

Term 3 updates

I hope that you have had a good weekend and start to this week. We are very much hoping that there will be more stability, less change and fewer unexpected announcements this week, but as the current public health situation develops, we do need to be prepared for anything.

Thank you very much to parents and carers who have been in touch either to ask for support, request resources or let us know how the online learning is working. We have had lots of very positive feedback, some frequent questions and some useful suggestions already after only 4 days of the new term. Please use the Term3@seahavenacademy.org.uk email address for your thoughts and we will respond either individually where needed or via whole-school communications as appropriate.

Some queries to date have included:

When will additional Chromebooks (laptops) be delivered?

We are setting up and distributing the supplies we have in school as swiftly as we can. This does take a few days as we have to organise permissions via United Learning, set up for use connected with our school and then arrange for pickup and paperwork to be completed. Following responses to our survey last Wednesday, contact will be made with families when a Chromebook is ready to collect. We have prioritised year 11 and 10 and those students who will not have access to online learning without school support. We are expecting another delivery of Chromebooks shortly which will allow us to supply them to most of the other students who have requested them. If we have any further requests, we will aim to find other sources of laptops and distribute them as soon as possible.

Hardpacks of work can be supplied in the interim as requested.

How many 'live' lessons will students receive?

We are working towards as many lessons as possible containing an element of 'live' teaching, face to face with a student's usual class teacher. We have already hugely increased the number of live lessons being offered in just 4 days, and will continue to provide more of these over the coming weeks. Live teaching is not always possible as teaching staff and TAs Seahaven Academy



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are also supporting the CWV groups on site and obviously can't do both roles at once. Teachers may also be absent, for COVID or other issues, so a live lesson may be led by another teacher.

• How can I help my child manage their time better?

Many students do not find the online learning easy to manage in the first few days, but it very quickly becomes much easier with practice. We have had messages about there being too much work and occasionally, too little, as we would have expected. As students and teachers get used to the new ways of working, we know from previous experience that students will find the right pace to suit them. In the meantime, please encourage them not to worry and to contact their teachers and form tutors if they have any problems.

Thank you for all your support for this unexpected start to the new term.

Yours sincerely

Seahaven Academy