

11th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Term 2 at Seahaven Academy

We have had a really good first couple of weeks at school so far this term. Students and staff have had to manage some new measures around providing the best COVID-security we can in schools, but as usual, they have taken on the new challenges and adapted very quickly. The front of the buildings is now complete, which marks the end of our recent extension project. We are very pleased to have the site back to ourselves and are really happy with the new look of our entrance. We have managed to make some practical changes to the learning environments in classrooms to make them brighter and easier for staff to manage who are still moving around the school far more than usual as students stay in their bases more often. We are also really pleased that the attendance in school is so good. Thank you to all families for supporting us in making sure that students are in school as much as possible, and also for keeping us informed when this is not possible.

Please find below some messages on key points for the start of this term:

Face masks

Students and staff are now expected to wear face covering in communal/busy areas which includes on entering/leaving the school, moving between lessons, at break and lunchtime indoors when not eating or drinking and if out of class around the school at other times. A small number of students and staff will, of course, be exempt from this expectation as is the case in all other settings, but apart from that we now have huge support for this new measure. We can provide spare masks for students who do not have them and are reminding students regularly through tutor briefings and posters about good mask and hand hygiene.

Public transport

Students must also wear masks on public transport. We are able to check this when we can see them, but would also encourage you to remind your child/children that this is a national requirement, including both to and from school.

PE Jumpers

Following suggestions from students and parents, we are allowing students to wear either their grey school jumpers or their black PE sweatshirts to school this term. We will review this regularly, but it is obviously a sensible move for the moment as it gets colder, and we also need to keep classrooms as well ventilated as we can. Jumpers must be worn in addition to blazers, not instead of blazers since they are to provide extra warmth.



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Keep Up, Catch Up

We are now providing an ICT based facility after school for students to either stay behind voluntarily to 'keep up' with their homework or for staff to direct students to if they need to 'catch up' with their homework. Previously, this has been an everyday and for all age groups, but as the school is now bigger and we are keeping year groups separate following COVID guidelines, we are offering 2 sessions per week for each year group in a separate room as follows:

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

We hope that this will provide additional support for those students who are not able to work at home or who need to be reminded to complete their homework. The SEND team will continue to run a separate, invitation only, group.

Clubs

We have received confirmation that schools are able to continue with planned sports clubs after school so long as this fits with current COVID-security arrangements in the school such as keeping year groups separate. Please find below a list of sports clubs which will start on Monday 16th November.

Reporting of self-isolation/ COVID cases

We have been very lucky in not having had any cases of COVID in school so far. This is unusual now as more and more cases are reported. Should you need to let us know that a student needs to self-isolate either for symptoms or self-isolation if a household member has had a positive test result, please ring the office as soon as possible to let the attendance team know.

If you are reporting a student has had a positive test result, please ring the school as soon as possible during the day or email the office so that we are able to support the test and trace system and take PHE advice as quickly as possible. If this results in the need to ask other students who have been in close contact with a positive case to self-isolate, we will let parents know as soon as possible and ask that you make arrangements for them to return home promptly.

Thank you for all you are doing to support our school community.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pringle Headteacher

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Year 7

Club	Staff lead	Day	Location	Information	Time
Football	Mr. Newnham-Reeve	Monday	Field	Bring boots, shin pads and your PE kit for this session.	2:20 - 3:20pm
Netball	Miss. Pardey/ Miss Reed	Monday	Courts	Fast and furious netball session on the courts. A great opportunity to develop your skills.	2:20 - 3:20pm
Badminton/ table tennis	Miss. Hunter/Mr. Honeybourne	Monday	Sports Hall	A great opportunity to develop your badminton and table tennis skills.	2:20 - 3:20pm

Year 8

Club	Staff lead	Day	Location	Information	Time
Football	Miss. Hunter	Tuesday	Field	Bring boots, shin pads and your PE kit for this session of football with Miss. Hunter	2:20 - 3:20pm
Netball	Miss Reed/ Miss Allan	Tuesday	Courts	Fast and furious netball session on the courts. A great opportunity to develop your skills.	2:20-3:20pm

Year 9

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Club	Staff lead	Day	n	Information	Time
Four square/	Mr. Davies/Mr.	Wednesday	Gym/	Four Square: the game of	2:20 - 3:20pm
Fitness Fanatics	Honeybourne/Miss.		Courts	champions is back! Fitness:	
	Hunter			A chance to challenge and	
				develop your fitness with a	
				different focus each session.	

Year 10

Club	Staff lead	Day	Location	Information	Time
Football	Mr. Newnham-Reeve	Thursday	Field	Bring boots, shin pads and your PE kit for this session.	2:20 - 3:20pm
Table tennis	Mr. Honeybourne	Thursday	Sports Hall	Who will be the King Kong of ping pong?	2:20 - 3:20pm
Badminton	Mr. Nelson	Thursday	Sports Hall	A chance to work on your skills for GCSE Pee or just for the fun of it.	2:20 - 3:20pm