



# Seahaven Academy

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14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Updates from Seahaven Academy**

### **Current situation – students self-isolating**

You will have received a letter from us on Friday explaining that we had to send home a limited number of students in year 8 who were identified following the advice given by the DfE Coronavirus helpline as having had potential 'close contact' with a confirmed student case of COVID-19. We have been very lucky so far in not having had to send anyone home to self-isolate, although of course we knew this would be very likely at some point. We are required to follow the advice given by the helpline as swiftly as possible and we were delighted with the response from both parents and students who organised themselves very quickly. This meant that we were able to identify those who may need to self-isolate, get advice from the government helpline and get everyone safely home within an hour. Thank you to all those parents who had to drop what they were doing to respond so swiftly.

Students who are self-isolating have access to a full online version of their timetable through the Seahaven Academy website. They receive instructions on how to access the work from home and are phoned by Pastoral Leaders to make sure they have everything they need. We have also had staff dropping off school laptops on loan this morning for anyone who needs one so that students can continue with their lessons from home straightaway.

### **Canteen closure for last week of term**

We are very sorry that we are not able to provide school meals this week due to staff absence. Staff have made up packed lunches for those students who usually have free school meals for today and we are sending out vouchers for families to be able to make up their lunches at home for the rest of the week. We did not know we would need to close the canteen service until yesterday, and apologise for the inconvenience caused.

### **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 is having a COVID-19 test:



**Principal Sarah Pringle**

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**This service will only be open until 8am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reminder - End of Term 2**

The last day of term will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December with an early finish at 12.20pm for students.

**INSET Days, Term 3**

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

Yours sincerely

Seahaven Academy