



Seahaven Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Term 1 at Seahaven Academy

Another very busy week as the October half term beckons and we begin to get used to life with our COVID restrictions in place. Staff are working tirelessly to ensure that the school operates as smoothly as possible, but there is no denying that it is proving hard work moving from room to room to teach as the students spend more time in a tutor base, especially in Key Stage 3. However, we have seen some excellent teaching and learning and some very high levels of engagement from students over the last few weeks. In many cases we are having to adapt our tried and tested styles of teaching significantly to suit the new circumstances, and this is giving rise to lots of new ideas and techniques as teachers across the country evaluate the most effective strategies. Our wonderful support staff have been equally creative in trying to find solutions to issues as they arise. As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions which may help benefit the school, please email: Term1@seahavenacademy.org.uk

INSET day: Monday 2nd November

As you will know from previous communications, we have taken the decision to add an additional INSET day to the school calendar on Monday 2nd November, which is the first Monday after the October half term. We have chosen this day as we know that a number of the local primary schools have INSET days at this time or have an additional week's holiday during this week so we hope this will cause the least amount of disruption to families.

Online events

We have online alternatives to the KS3 and KS4 Information Evenings ready to launch next week on Thursday 15th October. A link to these will be sent on Thursday afternoon.

Guerilla libraries

You will have received a poster advertising a new venture of 'guerilla libraries'. This is a new literacy initiative to support classrooms to have a small stock of suitable books for students who do not have access to these at home. We had planned to redevelop our library this year, but under current conditions this will not be possible just yet so in the meantime we are collecting unused or unwanted books to give them a new home in a classroom. If you have had a clear-out recently and would like to donate books, students can bring these to their tutor rooms for distribution after the half



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Following government health advice

As a school, we are regularly checking our Risk Assessments and keeping up to date with the latest government advice around the COVID-19 pandemic. Links to latest guidance, school reopening plans, letter from the NHS and the school risk assessment are on the COVID area of our website [here](#).

Response to COVID-19 cases in school

We have been very fortunate so far to have had no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Seahaven Academy amongst either students or staff. However, we know that many schools are now managing cases as reported numbers arise. In the event of a confirmed case, we will follow the published guidance and work with the DfE and PHE to ensure that we keep our school community safe and also reduce the amount of disruption to families where children/ close contacts are identified as needing to self- isolate. If we do have any confirmed cases over the next few weeks/months we will always contact the parents/carers of students who may be asked to self-isolate as quickly as possible and ask that students are then picked up from school immediately.

Reminder:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are (taken from the NHS website):

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Stay at home if you have symptoms (taken from the gov.uk website)

If you're getting a test because you have symptoms, you and anyone you live with must self-isolate until you get your result. This also applies to anyone in your support bubble (where someone who lives alone - or just with their children - can meet people from 1 other household).

You must also self-isolate if you cannot get a test.

I hope you all have a very restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pringle
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