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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Term 1 at Seahaven Academy

Now that we have come to the end of our first month of the reopening of schools for all students, I am writing to you with some updates of how life at Seahaven Academy is progressing in the new academic year:

Generally speaking, we have been delighted with the attitude and response of students coming back to school. We had such a lot to get ready and adapt to in a short space of time and staff and students have, as usual, risen to the challenge. There is a level of resilience in the school community in the face of challenging situations which makes us feel very proud. We know that some students and families are struggling more than others with the current situation for a huge variety of reasons, and we will always do whatever we can to support them, so please get in touch if you need our help.

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](#).

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.



Principal Sarah Pringle

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Plans for October

Thank you to everyone who has sent in suggestions via the Term1@seahavenacademy.org.uk email address.

We are currently considering solutions to the following:

- Areas for students to use at break/ lunchtimes, especially when the weather is wet
- Cold weather uniform
- Homework support (we will trial some plans for this before half term)
- Clubs and activities suited to our current year group arrangements
- Online events to replace traditional Parents' Evenings and Meet the Tutor evenings

We have also received a small number of enquiries about wearing masks in school. We are currently following government advice which does not recommend that these are necessary at the moment. Students and staff have the option of wearing them throughout the school day if they wish and these have now become a regular sight around school. If we find ourselves in a local lockdown situation which recommends masks in communal areas, we have made sure that we have stocks of these so that all students can access them.

Thank you for your continued support for the school in these uncertain times.

I hope you all have a very restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pringle
Headteacher