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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Term 1 at Seahaven Academy

We have had an excellent first week to the new school year despite all the complications and last-minute rushes to get everything ready. Our huge year 7 group has settled in incredibly quickly and we have been really pleased to see them take the change from primary to secondary school in their stride. Despite not having our usual transition week in July, they have been full of smiles and a pleasure to have with us. Attendance figures have been extremely high this week and we have been delighted to see all our students back on site. I think some of them have even been quite pleased to see us!

Arrangements for the reopening of schools

Our new arrangements are starting to become second nature and students have been fantastic in their response which has been to just get on with things (as they usually do), but adopting some new routines. We have been using a mantra of 'Head, Hands, Heart' with them this week. It would be really helpful if you could ask your children if they have remembered what these words are for and ask them to explain it to you. We are all likely to remember new routines and practices if we understand why we are doing them, so we are trying to find lots of different ways to repeat the same messages. We have been installing wall-mounted hand sanitizers throughout the school to ensure that students and staff are never far away from one and are constantly reminded to use them. We have a small number of students and staff wearing face masks either in communal areas or throughout the day. We are very happy to support the wearing of masks if it helps students to feel comfortable, and would just ask you to remind them that they must have a small plastic bag to store them in if they take them off at any point and that they must sanitize their hands before and after doing so.

Our arrangements and risk assessment for the reopening of the school in September are being reviewed daily at the moment so that where we find an area we can improve on; we are able to look at different ways to manage ourselves. Although we have asked students not to use the cash machines to put credit on their ParentPay accounts for lunches, some children have still been asking to do this. If you have any problems in accessing the ParentPay website, please contact the office. We have also asked students to bring a bottle of water to school each day (some may need two). This is so that they do not need to use the water coolers which require students to press buttons to access the water.

Thank you for your suggestions so far. Please do send us any further ideas you have to make school life as easy as possible in the current situation to term1@seahavenacademy.org.uk



Principal Sarah Pringle

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Calendar events

All schools are having to review their calendars for the year and find ways to organise virtual events when we are not able to invite large numbers of parents and carers into school. We have already planned a virtual Open Evening for year 6 and are now turning our attention to Parents' Evenings. The first of these was to be an evening for year 11. We will need to cancel next week's date and instead plan an evening at the start of October when we are due to have a Key Stage 4 Information Evening. We are hoping to be able to combine the two evenings and offer a variety of ways for parents and carers to receive information from staff including using phone calls, online meetings and recorded presentations. There will be more information to follow on this shortly.

Thank you for all your support in making the start of term so positive. We have been delighted to see the students and look forward to being able to see them on a daily basis from now on.

I hope you all have a very good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pringle
Headteacher