



# Seahaven Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Term 3 arrangements and COVID updates**

As you will know from the press and media coverage, this has been a very turbulent first 2 days to the new school term. Staff at Seahaven had been working throughout the second week of the Christmas holidays to prepare for the staggered re-opening of schools outlined in my previous letters, to hear yesterday evening that there would be a complete change of plan involving a nationwide strategy of school closures. We have spent today re-working our arrangements to ensure that we have everything we need in place for the rest of the week including the on-site provision for the small number of students needing to attend for Critical Worker and Vulnerable student provision.

Given the speed at which requirements have changed in the last 24 hours, and continue to change for schools, I am outlining here only the basic information needed for tomorrow, and we will then follow up with further letters, links and presentations on other topics which will need more explanation.

Thank you to everyone who needed places in the onsite provision for responding to our survey so quickly. We have been able to accommodate all those who requested places. Confirmation texts were sent out earlier today (see below (2) for more details).

We have sent out a further survey today to help us gauge how many students may need additional IT support through a loan laptop from school. We have a small number currently available and more arriving shortly so hope to be able to support as many families as possible with this.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions about anything linked to our COVID-19 response arrangements or to any other aspect of school life at the moment, please do not hesitate to contact the office during our normal working hours, or use the email address: **[Term3@seahavenacademy.org.uk](mailto:Term3@seahavenacademy.org.uk)** for more general suggestions which we can then include in further communications.

#### **1.Continuity of Learning: getting started with working online from home**

Students will find everything they need to start working from home on Wednesday 6<sup>h</sup> January here, in the **Continuity of Learning** section of our website:

**<https://www.seahavenacademy.org.uk/continuity-of-learning-work-set-for-students>**



**Principal Sarah Pringle**

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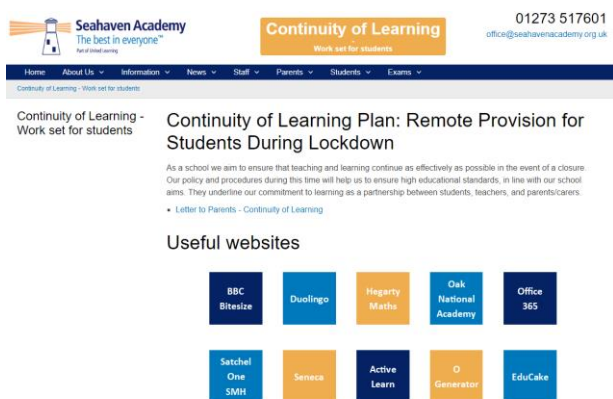
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**For students:** all work will be set lesson by lesson on Satchel One (Show My Homework), from 8am onwards, following the normal school day. Lessons will take a wide variety of forms, so there will be plenty to do and teaching staff will be expecting to see and hear from students regularly using all our online platforms and via live Teams lessons. There will be lots more information to follow on this.

A virtual assembly has already been sent out from Mr Honeybourne via email which will explain how the online Seahaven school day will work. Students will need to go through this tomorrow morning, so they know what to do.

We have tried to make the Continuity of Learning site as easy to navigate as possible, but should your child have any problems accessing it tomorrow, please contact the office and they will arrange for any help needed.

**For parents/carers:** on the Continuity of Learning pages of the website you will find links to parent letters, policies and protocols which explain exactly how we manage learning from home if you are new to the school or if you have forgotten how we worked earlier in the year. There will be lots more information to follow on this too.

## 2. Continuity of Learning: on-site provision for Critical Worker/ Vulnerable students

We are looking forward to seeing students on site tomorrow at 8am who have had places confirmed for this provision. Students will be working in year group rooms, with separate entrance, exit, toilet, lunch and outside areas. The lessons followed will be those provided for all students online and the school day will run following the normal timetable, with separate KS3/4 breaks and lunches.

Staff will direct students to their Learning Base when they arrive (ready to start at 8am), where there will be a seating plan for each room and instructions for how the day will be organised. Please remind your child/ children of the following:

- Full school uniform
- Usual school equipment: bag, pens, pencil case etc.
- Bring your own snacks/ drinks/ packed lunch/ water bottle
- Bring headphones (not the iPhone type) if you have them

And finally, for the moment...

**Free School Meals**

Vouchers will be provided for week 1. Any updates needed to this system will be communicated once they are arranged.

I appreciate that despite having said this letter would be basic information only at this stage, it is very long. There will be updates through emails, letters, presentations and meetings on a variety of subjects including COVID-19 testing, year 11 exams (when we have more information), student support (including ICT), homework, parent consultation evenings and other events which we would have been hosting this term. However, I hope that you now have enough detail to start the new term at home or on site tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Pringle', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Pringle  
Headteacher