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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Term 1 at Seahaven Academy

We have just finished week 3 of the first school term and are all getting used to our new surroundings and the lovely new look to the buildings as the finishing touches are completed. It will be really good to see all the fencing removed and the landscaping completed soon. Year 7 seem very settled and we are delighted with their progress so far.

Before reading the messages below, please take a few minutes to complete the form [here](#) to help our closure/absence planning over the next few months.

National reopening of school's arrangements

- Thank you for continuing to let us have **ideas to keep the school running smoothly** during such extraordinary times. Please do send us any further suggestions using the email address here:
 - term1@seahavenacademy.org.uk
- We are hoping to be able to set up some **after school homework clubs** to help those students who need to/prefer to complete their homework at school. Due to the restrictions on uses of rooms we will not be able to have all year groups on site each day but we should be able to provide at least 2 weekly sessions per year group. We will confirm details next week.
- Please could you regularly remind your children about the school message: **Head, Hands, Heart** in terms of what they need to think about in school and in the community to help keep everyone as safe as possible. The vast majority of our students have been fantastic in following the guidelines we have given them, but some do need more reminders than others. If you know your child is one of those who needs to be told something repeatedly to make it stick, please remind them about **hand hygiene and social distancing** when they are at home too so that the same message is received constantly.
- Some students already need to replenish pencil cases, particularly glue sticks. Please check with them and remind them to buy new stocks at the weekends so that they aren't sharing. If you can't source/finance the correct equipment, please contact the school for support.



Principal Sarah Pringle

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Transport to school

We have been supporting the bus companies this week by checking that students are **wearing a face mask on public and school transport** as this is a national requirement. In almost every case where a student has arrived without a face mask, they have had one in their bag. Please could you make sure they understand this is not optional and they must wear them, especially as parents/carers are clearly providing them for their children to use.

We have had some complaints from local residents about the amount of **traffic around the mini- roundabout at the junction of Haven Way and Southdown Road**. Please make sure that you are dropping children off further away from the school so they can walk the last stretch and avoid congestion around the houses close to the school and please do not park on the mini-roundabout.

Settling into school

As we expected, a few students are struggling far more than others to settle back into school for many different reasons following lockdown. Where behaviour becomes worrying and/ or unacceptable we want to be able to support families as soon as possible. **Please contact your child's Pastoral Leader via the school office** if you have any concerns. Please contact the office for all initial communication rather than teaching staff who are sometimes not able to return emails or calls for several days due to teaching schedules.

Calendar events

The virtual Open Event is now on our website. Please take a look and direct friends and family who have year 6 children towards the site. **The deadline for applications for places in year 7 for September 2021 is 31st October.**

The KS3 and KS4 information evenings will be virtual events. Details will be sent out before each event.

I hope you all have a very pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pringle
Headteacher