

17th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: COVID-19 Update 17th April 2020

Childcare provision

- Thank you for your continued support for our on- site and working from home provisions. We have had a small group of children of keyworkers at school throughout the Easter Break, including Bank Holidays, and staff have been volunteering to try to keep them occupied each day. We know that it isn't much fun, but students have been very positive, and spirits have been kept up throughout.
- In line with Government guidance, we are continuing to offer only an extremely limited provision on site for children whose parents or carers are in a critical front line position, or for children and young people who are considered vulnerable according to the guidelines provided to us.
- All children who can be safely cared for at home during this period of closure must be kept at home and should not be in school.
- Any student who has had permission to use the childcare provision must be checked carefully each morning for any signs of Covid- 19 symptoms as per the government advice on our website. If they have any symptoms they must not come into school. Parents/ Carers must phone and let the school know and then self- isolate at home following guidance.
- Childcare provision for students with confirmed term - time places will be open for **Monday 20th April, 8am- 3pm**.

Learning from Home

- Thank you very much for your responses to our surveys at the end of last term regarding learning from home provision. The feedback has been tremendously positive, and we have received some really helpful suggestions for how to improve further which we will use to develop remote teaching during term 5.
- **From Tuesday 21st April**, we will be resuming our remote learning programme. Lessons will be set on Show My Homework as previously. Thank you very much for your perseverance with this new way of working. We know how hard home schooling can be - many of our staff are combining working from home with supporting their own children's work as you will be too - so we don't underestimate the effort this takes. We have been delighted with the levels of engagement from students and hope that this will continue during the next few weeks.
- Students who have hard copies of the work set will receive their new packs at the start of next week. These will either be delivered by hand or posted (so some may take slightly longer to arrive).
- Year 11 students will still have lessons set each day for the rest of April after which time we will put new programmes in place to coincide with what would have been the end of formal teaching and the start of the exams season. We are currently looking at a range of options in terms of helping them to prepare for their next steps in September.

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- Students will receive some additional communications over the next few weeks giving a range of assembly/ tutor time/ PSHE activities for them to engage with to help keep a sense of a timetable and school day. Please encourage them to check their emails each day as well as Show My Homework for the lessons set. Students can of course work at their own pace and according to the resources and facilities available in each home.

General

- It is now clear that there will be no change to the current lockdown arrangements for at least the next 3 weeks. At the moment, we do not have any indication of whether schools will be expected to reopen at any point before the summer holidays, but we will of course update you as soon as we have any further information. Therefore, for the first 3 weeks of Term 5 as an absolute minimum, it will be the same arrangements as we had for the last 2 weeks of Term 4 with working from home provision and a small on-site provision for keyworker children.
- We will continue to send out updates for parents/ carers around 3.30pm every day.
- There will be further updates on trips, options, Parents' Evenings, Year 11 outcomes and year 6 transition - amongst other events - as we progress through next term.
- Reminder: **Monday 20th April is an INSET day**, so there will be no work set on Show My Homework on that day.

Very best wishes to you and your families and friends.

Yours sincerely

Seahaven Academy