



Seahaven Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: COVID-19 Update 29th April 2020

Childcare provision

- Thank you for your continued support for both our 'learning from home' and on- site provision. In line with Government guidance, we are now offering only an extremely limited childcare facility for children where 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.
- We have had a significant increase in requests for childcare places since the Easter break. The government asks that parents 'keep their children at home, wherever possible', and that schools should 'remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend'.
- In order to accommodate those children who 'absolutely need to attend' we will be sending out requests to those currently on the childcare roll to confirm that days/ times need to be maintained over the next few weeks of term, as we have done previously. This is to help us plan on a daily basis and avoid unexpected absence and also to ensure that we are able to provide for as many families as possible at a time when staffing is still extremely limited.
- **Childcare provision will be open for Thursday 30th April, 8am- 3pm. Childcare will also be available for the Bank Holiday, Friday 8th May.**

Learning from Home

- It is essential that students complete as much of the work that is set each day as they can in order to avoid falling behind in their learning. We have very strong levels of engagement with on- line learning and the hard packs that we are sending home, but we know that learning from home is very challenging for parents/ carers, students and teachers. Form tutors are checking in with their classes each week to check their students are all coping with the work and TAs and Pastoral Leaders are also making regular contact where needed. If you have concerns about your child engaging with the work, we are setting please let us know and we will arrange for a Pastoral Leader or other colleague to contact you and offer support.



Principal Sarah Pringle

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- Please find attached the results from our first 'learning from home' parent/ carer survey and a selection of some of the excellent ideas parents/ carers have made in terms of how to structure the day and keep students motivated. Thank you very much for these.
- During Term 5 there will be an assembly theme each week with a presentation from a member of staff and follow up activities to support the theme. The second of these 'assemblies' was made available yesterday and is on the theme of Spring and Hope.
- There will be a Student Challenge sent home tomorrow which is designed to get us all thinking creatively.

General

- Please note that staff are now using a new system to contact families which allows us to use our own phones via a central number. If you receive a call from Kettering or dialling code 01832, this is in fact a call from a member of staff at Seahaven Academy.
- If you have a child coming up to Seahaven Academy in September, we haven't forgotten about them! We are currently putting together information for parents to help start off the transition process. This will be sent out soon.

Yours sincerely

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