



Seahaven Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: COVID-19 Update 1st July 2020

As you are probably aware, schools across the country are waiting for an announcement from the government tomorrow, Thursday 2nd July, to hear how we will be able to ensure that students can return to school safely in September. There has already been a great deal of speculation around what the next steps in the national educational response to the Covid-19 situation may be, but at the moment, none of the suggestions/rumours have been confirmed. Whatever the detail contained in the announcement made tomorrow, I can assure you that we will take every step needed so that Seahaven Academy is as well prepared as possible for the new academic year. We are really looking forward to welcoming all our students back to school as soon as we can, including our new year 7s, as working with the children in our school is of course why we all decided to take jobs in education in the first place!

This has been a year like no other, and we are not expecting to completely return to the old 'normal' in the next few months, if indeed we ever do. We know that schools are likely to need to think and act differently for the foreseeable future and that old plans, structures and routines may have to be amended and adapted to be suitable for the new situation. This is not going to be easy or quick, and depending on the restrictions put in place for schools, we may need to rethink some of the things we have come to regard as distinctive features of our school, at least in the autumn term. However, we have all learnt a great deal over the last few months about how we can work more efficiently and effectively in lots of different ways and we have certainly improved our technological capabilities in order to do this. We have also really had to stretch creative thinking and problem-solving skills to cope with the different issues we have faced alongside the students who have been absolutely fantastic in their response to such uncertain times. I am very confident that whatever the next challenge is going to be for schools, Seahaven will swiftly find a way forward.

So for the moment, I would be grateful if you could encourage your children to keep working hard until the end of the school year on Wednesday 22nd July, to enjoy the holiday when it finally arrives (school will not be open during the summer break) and to look forward to coming back to school in September. We won't be able to respond to tomorrow's announcements immediately as we will need to digest the messages and work out how we need to act, but of course I will keep you updated as soon as we have plans we can share. We also have the added complication that our building project is not quite finished yet, also due to the lockdown, but if you have been past the site recently you will have seen that it is near to completion so we hope to be able to move into the new facilities at some point in September.



Principal Sarah Pringle

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We will provide families with all the information they need for a smooth start to the new school year, but as some of the detail may not be available until August, we are checking contact details so that we can be sure we are able to keep you informed throughout the summer. Please return the email you will receive to confirm your details as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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