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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: COVID-19 Update 19th May 2020

Government guidance for the re- opening of schools from 1st June onwards

If you have a child in year 10 and have not yet completed the survey around the potential re-opening of schools for some year 10 students in the final half of the summer term, we would be grateful if you could do this as soon as possible.

You will be aware that schools are now beginning to plan in detail for the first stages of re-opening after half term if the government confirms that it is safe for us to do so. At Seahaven Academy, this will initially only be for year 10 students. There is currently no further guidance around when schools will re-open for other year groups.

At the moment, we are trying to balance the priorities in terms of social distancing and other health and safety measures against the wish to provide some high-quality face-to-face teaching for students using specialist staff in order to complement the on-line provision already in place. We are hoping to be able to manage a model where students will be assigned to small groups coming in on staggered starts and working with a specialist member of staff for around 2 hours, potentially up to three times a week during term 6. We have had a very positive response from parents who are keen for their children to come into school at some points next term, and are now working out manageable group sizes and finding suitable bases for these 'Focus Sessions' to take place. We have significant issues with the buildings at the moment, as you will remember that we have an unfinished extension at the front of the school which means our exits and entrances are temporary, so we are having to be very creative in how we implement the necessary health and safety requirements during this period. We have also been running a significant childcare provision on site for children of keyworkers throughout the school closure period which we will need to keep separate from the year 10 provision. We are confident that we will be able to find ways to manage all of these issues over the next few days.

We will continue to update you on our plans, with the intention of potentially seeing some students in year 10 towards the end of the first week after half term. Further details will be sent out before half term with confirmation of groupings and routines required for safe working being shared on Monday 1st June.

Childcare Provision

If you have not yet completed the survey about places in childcare provision during half term please do so as soon as possible so that we are able to arrange staffing. We will be open for those children with confirmed places throughout next week, and the half term week including Bank Holiday Monday, 8am-3pm.



Principal Sarah Pringle

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Learning from Home

Please do continue to encourage your children to 'keep up, not catch up' over the next few days and weeks. We have a very comprehensive on- line provision and know that many students are working really hard on a day to day basis. Unfortunately, we can see from our data that some students are definitely not working as hard as they could, and we don't want them to find that they have missed large parts of their learning on return to school. If students follow the work set for them on Show My Homework and contact teachers when asked to and tutors if they need any support, they will continue to make good progress. We have made sure that there is a wide variety of activities and approaches in the work set so that all preferences are accommodated. Students can work around other members of their family if they are using the same resources or if they are working to a different schedule, so long as they return completed tasks to teachers when they have finished them.

Yours sincerely

Seahaven Academy