



Seahaven Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Term 2 Updates

The autumn term has been a challenging one for all schools as we have continued to juggle the ongoing absence of staff and students with providing the very best education we can for all our students. In addition, we have had the extra pressure of a full Ofsted inspection this term at Seahaven as the inspectorate starts to visit those schools which should have been seen last year, and we have also been reviewing and updating some of our behaviour routines to ensure that we can operate as smoothly as possible as a much bigger school than we were only a few years ago.

As always, students and staff have risen to every challenge and although it has felt quite intense at times, we are finishing the autumn term in a really good place, ready to start again after the Christmas break having made significant progress with all our projects.

We are extremely proud of the way our students have coped with so much change and uncertainty, and once again they have been a credit both to the school and to their families.

Covid updates

After a sharp rise in cases in the school in September and October, we have been very fortunate at Seahaven to have had relatively very few cases of Covid during term 2. However, as the government starts to require additional measures to be taken to limit the spread of the virus through the winter, we are planning for a range of scenarios in the next few weeks:

- Unless we are told to do otherwise, school will remain open for all students this week, with an early finish on Friday 17th December.
- Term 3 will start on Thursday 6th January with onsite lateral flow tests for all students during the first day back in school.
- All students should continue to take twice weekly lateral flow test during the Xmas break – Mondays and Thursdays - including on Monday 2nd January.
- Any student with Covid symptoms should also get a confirmatory PCR test and follow guidance before returning to school.

Please remember to let us know if your young person is absent and the reason for the absence by phoning or emailing the school.

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Social media use and abuse

Should you have any concerns or queries you would like to raise with us, please do contact the office and arrange for a phone call or meeting in school with an appropriate member of staff. Whilst social media is a great way of sharing thoughts and letting off steam, if there is a genuine problem to resolve, speaking to someone in school is the best way to find a solution. In particular, please remember that members of staff in schools - just like our students' parents and carers - are very dedicated people doing the best job they can (currently under very difficult circumstances), and none of us would feel that being picked out for abuse on social media for our work would be acceptable.

It has been really good to welcome parents/carers into school again to speak to staff directly. We pride ourselves on being able to develop very good relationships with our families and will always prefer to work through issues together and find practical solutions. Thank you to everyone who has brought a concern to our attention and helped us to find an appropriate answer.

And finally...

We are looking forward to a really good final week of term, with our usual treats and prizes in the last few days. Christmas Jumper Day on Friday last week was a very colourful occasion with probably the best turnout and variety of jumpers we have ever seen! We were able to make a significant donation to the charity.

A few dates for your diaries:

- Tuesday 14th December: **Winter Concert POSTPONED** due to absence. This will be rescheduled for early in the new year when possible (date to be confirmed).
- Thursday 16th December: Christmas Lunch
- Friday 17th December: early finish at 12.20pm, students who need to stay in school until the school buses arrive at 2.20pm can be supervised in the LRC.

There will be a copy of The Lighthouse newsletter on Friday with key dates and reminders for next term.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



Sarah Pringle
Headteacher