



Seaton Primary School

"Caring now, for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself"

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UPDATE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

I do hope you had a relaxing break, under the unprecedented circumstances.

I have spent quite a bit of time going through the Government announcements, regarding the areas going into Tier 3 (which includes Devon) and the Education Secretary's changes for schools, which will be over the next few weeks. At the moment, most of these are in relation to secondary schools. Here are some useful points for you to note -

- Seaton Primary School **will re-open to all year groups on Tuesday 5th January.**
- The staggered opening and closing times remain in place. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THESE** so we can maintain social distancing.
- Parents dropping off and collecting do so **promptly.**
- **Face coverings** are to be worn when **entering the school grounds** bar those who are exempt still. I would appreciate if those parents waiting outside also wear face coverings too.
- **Regular washing of hands** etc remains in place, along with cleaning of the school throughout the day.
- Year group and phase **Pods will be maintained.**
- Enquiries should **go via email or phone calls but the office does remain open.**
- Please **refrain from calling in to see teachers** - you will need to approach the office.

The wearing of face masks in school by staff and visitors will be reviewed to see if any adjustments need to be made.

Guidance on Attendance and Shielding

This is from the DFE guidance that came out on 30th December 2020.

A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice to self-isolate because:

- *they have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves*
- *they live with someone that has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact*
- *they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)*

More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions. Far fewer children should remain in the clinically extremely vulnerable group in the future following their routine discussions with their clinician.

The advice for pupils in local restriction tiers 1 to 3 (Devon) who remain in the clinically extremely vulnerable group is that they should continue to attend school unless they are one of the very small number of pupils or students under paediatric or NHS care (such as recent transplant or very immunosuppressed children) and have been advised specifically by their GP or clinician not to attend an education setting.



Shielding advice is currently in place in **tier 4** areas, and so all children still deemed clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school.

Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, **should still attend school** in all local restriction tiers.

If you have any concerns or anxieties then we are happy to talk to you about these and how we can help support you.

We have received no further information on COVID testing of pupils and staff but we have had notification that this will be rolled out next term. **Parental permission will need to be obtained for this.**

To sum up, it will continue to be business as usual for us next term, but we remain aware that at present, things can alter very quickly and with very little notice. We have adjusted our risk assessment in light of the latest guidelines and this will be constantly reviewed.

Kind regards and see you on Tuesday,

Nic George

Headteacher
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