



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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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope I find you well, as we finish the 8th week of lock down due to the Covid 19 outbreak. The Government announced on Sunday 10th May that they were proposing primary schools in England to open in part as of the 1st of June (straight after half term). The initial school years proposed to return are Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

At present, we cannot confirm this date and the reopening of the school is also subject to government advice, which may change based upon the regional and national picture. Please read this update carefully as there are many important things for you to note and take in.

PUPIL MEDICAL LIST

We have a comprehensive list in school of pupils with medical needs, food allergies etc.

We now want to update this list. If your child has developed any new conditions or has a change in an existing condition over the lock down period, then we need to know what they are so we can update our records. Please email Cath in the office on admin@seatonprimary.org.uk ASAP.

There is a letter from the government to parents/carers here which goes into further detail about who still needs to stay at home for clinically vulnerable groups. Please read this.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

As you will know, Seaton Primary School is already providing education for all children, with staff working in school and remotely. Some children are being taught by staff in school and we are keen to enable more children to attend. **However, we can only do this if we are able to introduce measures to successfully help protect the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils, staff and families.**

Two days ago we received our first communications from the Government about the proposed reopening of schools. This included a list of risk assessments to be considered in relation to specific arrangements to help manage further numbers coming back into school. Of late we have seen an increase in essential workers children having to return to school. **If the current pupils attending combined with reception, year 1 and 6, then we would create a situation which would be impossible to manage given the restrictions.** As a large primary school we have to ensure that we have a measured and manageable response, so **all three years returning at once is not an option** for us.

Currently we are looking at whether a single year group can start back first. We need to look at what facilities and staffing levels are required for that, the overall availability of staff to return to work in a variety of roles, the overall management of the school site and a whole host of further health / safety measures.

A joint statement from all the teachers unions has cast serious doubt on whether schools should open on the 1st June. Head teachers, teachers and teaching assistants up and down the country are clearly feeling very apprehensive at present about the re-opening of schools. The discussions between the government and the unions are continuing. This debate will undoubtedly intensify as further announcements are made. Devon County Council are sending out a number of forms for us today to aid our re-opening process.

Please do not make firm plans yourself until we can confirm our finished plan and receive further confirmations and updates from the government.

Our general risk management for re-opening will include:

- Children must not attend if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus
- Staggered drop-off and collection times



- Regular hand washing for 20 seconds with running water and soap or use of sanitiser
- Good respiratory hygiene by promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach
- Surfaces will continue to be frequently cleaned such as door handles, handrails, table tops
- Minimising contact through smaller classes or group sizes (15 or less)
- Further changing the layout of classrooms to assist with social distancing
- Providing pupils with their own resources where possible
- Cleaning classroom resources more often
- Reducing the mixing between groups through timetable changes such as staggered break times, lunch times and the start / end of day
- Using different entrances / exits to help pupils and parents stay apart

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is encouraged if the school does reopen. If you feel worried about your child or family's safety, please talk to us in the first instance. No action will be taken (such as a penalty notice) if you decide it is not safe to send your child to school.

STAFF OR PUPIL ILLNESS

In the event of illness, it may be necessary for some year groups or the whole school to close down for a period of time.

HOME LEARNING

We will continue to provide home learning during term time. If there is an increased demand on staff being in school, then this could impact on the service we provide here.

STAFF VIDEOS

There are some great videos being produced by staff for the children. Here is a link to my weekly poem. Another classic by Allan Ahlberg – 'Please Mrs Butler'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ewnafvm-plA>

Have you also seen this poem read by Miss Smith?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uo4k40VbJfg>

Mrs Eriksson has a video featuring the poem 'The Dinosaur's Dinner' by June Crebbin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imFGLMPMfjk&t=15s>

VIRTUAL TOURS OF UK ATTRACTIONS

The Roman Baths - virtual 'walkthrough' of the iconic Roman Baths

<https://www.romanbaths.co.uk/walkthrough>

Stonehenge - virtual tour that offers 360 degree views

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/history-and-stories/stonehenge360/>

The National Gallery - virtual tour of the rooms and wings

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours>

The British Museum - highlights of the collections

<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

Giant's Causeway - 360 degree panoramic virtual tour

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway/features/take-a-virtual-tour-of-the-giants-causeway>

THINGS I HAVE NOTICED THIS WEEK

- My neighbour has been polishing his beloved Vespa moped and made it look like new
- The tastiest pizza combination is goat's cheese and red onion chutney
- You can revive a bumble bee with some honey
- A screen protector for a TV is a sound investment
- Surfers are back in the sea

Many thanks for your understanding with the most difficult of matters we are currently managing. I will keep you up to date but in the meantime, stay safe everyone.

Nic George

Head of School

