



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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NEWSLETTER and UPDATE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been blessed with some glorious days over the last week and to say the beaches have been busy is a bit of an understatement! The view of the international space station going over at night has been better than ever due to the clear skies.

I hope I find you all well as we finish another week with the lockdown gradually easing. The Government proposal to open primary schools in England in part as of the 1st of June (straight after half term) has been tweaked and there is now greater flexibility in terms of how schools approach this. The circumstances of each school is very different and arrangements for future opening will depend on a number of critical factors –

- 1. The size of the school and the number of available spaces for pupils to be taught**
- 2. The numbers of returning pupils**
- 3. The availability of staff to come into school (both teaching and non-teaching)**
- 4. The nature of the facilities for safe entrance and exit**

Seaton is a fairly large primary school with many full classes of pupils. To give you an idea, if all year 6 pupils return we will need to accommodate them in 5 classrooms instead of the usual 2 due to the restriction of group sizes. So as you can understand, the availability of space going forward has a huge impact when we are considering future arrangements for more returning pupils.

We continue to receive masses of information on a daily basis and a high volume of forms to read and complete. Recently we returned our COVID risk assessment to Devon County Council and this has been approved by the school governors. We have completed a second survey of parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to see how many pupils we will have returning. This number has gone up since our initial survey and more essential workers' children are returning to school.

Next week we will be sending out further information for parents on the organisation of the school and the new procedures that we will have in place e.g. entrances / exits, location of learning groups or pods, school routines, playground allocation etc. If you receive this information then please read it. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that you and your child are prepared. School for the remainder of this year will be a very different experience from what the children received before they left in March.



All pupils including those already attending school will be expected to wear full school uniform as of Monday.

Essential workers pupils will have the following designated rooms as of Monday:

Reception and Key Stage 1 will use the **reception classrooms.**

Key Stage 2 will use the Year 4 classrooms.

I have had a few questions of late regarding when Reception and other year groups will be returning. At present I do not have an answer to these questions. We are taking things one step at a time and working tirelessly to get children back to school in as safe a manner as possible. Again the Government has acknowledged that decisions have to now be taken on a local level and they will not be forcing any school into a position which it feels untenable. Please continue to be patient with us as we work our way through these challenging and unprecedented times.

PUPIL MEDICAL LIST

Last week I wrote to you about how we are updating our medical list. We have a comprehensive list in school of pupils with medical needs, food allergies etc.

We are continuing 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>

HOME LEARNING

We will continue to provide home learning but not during the holidays. If there is an increased demand on staff being in school, then this could impact on the service we provide with this.

A number of exercise books have been placed in the school entrance foyer if you need some for your child. Please call in and help yourself.

THINGS I HAVE NOTICED THIS WEEK

- My neighbour has waxed and polished the top of his camper van.
- The government is issuing half a million £50 vouchers to have your bike serviced / repaired.
- Successfully poaching an egg is not as easy as you'd imagine.
- The sea is not as warm as it looks!
- My tomato plants are shooting up but the water butt is almost empty.
- A tick remover for a dog is a cheap investment and it works really well.
- An old tent that has not been used for several years can have an unusual odour about it!

RECIPE

My favourite cook book is BARBECUE by Heniz and Geneste Kurth (1979). It belonged to my parents and is still available. Here is a recipe for spicing things up with a barbeque rub...

2 teaspoons of ground coriander

1 teaspoon of chilli powder

1 teaspoon of cumin

1 clove of garlic

A little vinegar

Salt and pepper



STAFF VIDEOS

I've kept going with the Allan Ahlberg theme for the weekly poem. This week we have 'I Know' which involves a great bit of banter between two characters.

<https://youtu.be/JPz1GINslps>

My very best wishes to you all and stay safe.

Nic George

Head of School

