



# 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,

I hope I find you all well as we finish another week and with the lockdown easing off. The school has been preparing all week for the return of further pupils. This has involved the re-organisation of classrooms, marking out zones, completing new staff rotas and the setting of new rules. Recently I went through the 4 factors that decide how we re-open the school further and these were –

1. The size of our school and the number of available spaces for pupils to be taught within
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

These are really crucial factors to consider when we decide how we move forward. I know everyone including myself as a parent is eager to see our children return to school but we have to understand that each school has unique circumstances to manage. The numbers of pupils of **essential workers** returning to school has **quickly grown** in the last week as parents are being asked to return to the work place rather than work remotely from home. A number of Seaton staff are having to continue to work from home and this impacts on the provision we can provide at present for pods.

Yesterday we sent out a lengthy document for returning parents to read which sets out the Covid rules and organisation. A video is also being produced to help pupils and parents understand layout etc.

### **Looking Forward to September**

Behind the scenes we have been busy planning ahead for September. This includes staffing, school projects and teaching / learning initiatives. The one thing we are going to address is that we have to successfully support pupils moving forward given the lock down and loss of a considerable amount of normal schooling.

We are looking very carefully at this and how we are going to teach our pupils when they return. Every teacher will need to know where their pupils are within their learning and their level of maturity. A clear starting point will need to be established to help plan all children's future learning.

Each teacher will assess their children very early on in the term and plan very carefully to ensure that any gaps are filled.

Please feel assured that Seaton Primary has this firmly in mind and we fully appreciate that lock down will have had a range effects on pupils when they return.

### **Home Learning**

We are currently reviewing home learning. Many teachers are now being asked to lead pods over the next two weeks and some of these will not be with their usual class groups because we have restricted numbers per pod



(15). These teachers will be expected to teach a pod full time and some staff from other year groups will have to support colleagues by taking take over the home learning for a particular year group.

#### 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 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](mailto:admin@seatonprimary.org.uk) ASAP.

#### THINGS I HAVE NOTICED THIS WEEK

- My neighbour has a caravan stored on his drive way as well as his own camper van
- I love shish kebabs
- I am getting used to the sea temperature but not the sea weed
- Some bicycles are clearly not designed to roll over rocks!

#### STAFF VIDEOS

This week's poem is 'Pillow Talk' by Roger McGough. I hope you enjoy it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2cB2xvIYx4>

Here is Miss Smith performing 'My Big Fat Cat'. Good work Miss Smith!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rp0LgoJGEzE>

#### SEATON PTA BOOKSHARE

Seaton Primary PTA have set up a book share to help children keep reading whilst school and libraries are closed. You can collect a sealed bag from the following locations:

47 Boundary Park  
42 Marlpit Lane  
27 Harepath Road

The books will only be available for collection when the weather is fine. Unfortunately you are not able to chose the book due to the need to reduce risk of infection. The books are categorised (as best as possible) according to year groups: reception, year 1, year 2, year 3/4 and year 5/6, please free to select whichever you feel will be most suited to your child's reading level.

When the book has been read, please wipe the cover and if you can, pass on safely to another pupil or return to a collection site. Returned books will be held for 72 hours before being made available for sharing again. If families are not able to collect a book due to shielding, we can arrange for a doorstep delivery, please contact [seatonpta@gmail.com](mailto:seatonpta@gmail.com) or via facebook page.

We hope to keep this project running whilst school and libraries are closed so that children can continue to access reading books. If you have any books that you are able to donate to the project, these will be gratefully received and can be dropped to a collection site or collected from your doorstep, please email [seatonpta@gmail.com](mailto:seatonpta@gmail.com) or contact via Facebook page.  
Stay Safe and Happy Reading from Seaton Primary PTA!

#### COMPETITION

The Ickabog Illustration Competition (for children aged 7-12)

J.K. Rowling is publishing an original story, *The Ickabog* (the "Story"), online in instalments over seven weeks, and is inviting children to help her by illustrating the Story. A new instalment and illustration themes to go with it get revealed daily, Monday to Friday, throughout the course of the seven weeks.

34 winning illustrations will be selected to bring the serialised story to the printed page when it is published in full, which is intended for November 2020. Entries are open now, and the competition will close at 6pm BST on Friday 17th July 2020.

Visit <https://theickabogcompetition.com/> for more information and to enter



My very best wishes to you all and stay safe.

**Nic George**  
Head of School

