



# 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,

The end of the school year is fast approaching, with our focus now about bringing this one to a close and most importantly preparing for the next one in in September. There are some important points for you to note going forward, so please have a good read.

### RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS UPDATE

Hot off the press we have been sent new guidelines for the full opening of schools this September. We need to digest this **41 page document** and see what we need to do to meet the guidelines and requirements.

#### Here are some highlights from that document –

- There is a continued requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- There will continue to be a robust hand and respiratory hygiene routine
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements will continue in school
- NHS Test and Trace will continue
- Schools will reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

How contacts are reduced will depend on the school's circumstances and will (as much as possible) include:

- Grouping children together (potentially by class or a year group)
- Avoid contact between groups
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- Staff will maintain distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible
- PPE equipment should be worn if the situation requires it
- **Continue to ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach**

Other factors the school should consider include the lay out of the school and the feasibility of keeping distinct groups separate while offering a **broad curriculum**. Maintaining distinct groups that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate.



Ideally, adults should maintain 2 metre distance from each other, and from children. We know that this is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults can do this when circumstances allow that will help.

Other points included -

- Avoiding large gatherings such as assemblies with more than one group (*this is likely to include other school events that involve a large gathering*).
- Schools should consider staggered break times and lunch times.
- If those patterns allow, schools should consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school.
- For individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, it is recommended that staff and pupils have their own items that are not shared.
- Outdoor playground equipment will be continued to be more frequently cleaned.
- It is still recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials such as lunch boxes (not fabric ones), hats, coats, books. Bags are allowed.

*If an outbreak of Covid occurs then in some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole site or year group.*

Parents have a duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school and where they are of compulsory school age.

We expect that kitchens will be fully open from the start of the autumn term.

Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible.

The statutory primary assessments are still due to take place in summer 2021. These include:

- the phonics screening check
- key stage 1 tests and teacher assessment
- the Year 4 multiplication tables check
- key stage 2 tests and teacher assessment

**As you can read we have much work to do between now and the end of term and over the holidays! My initial response to the Government announcement is that we can work with it without too much disruption but we will not be quite back to normal in the foreseeable future.**

#### **SAYING HELLO AND FAREWELL TO CURRENT TEACHERS**

I know that all the staff, as well as parents and children, would like some closure on the year with their current teacher. The teachers would like to give a final farewell to pupils before the end of term. Your child's teacher will be in touch soon about this.

The current reception children have some sessions with Mrs Burkill coming up and the reception team are keeping in touch with parents about these events.

#### **PICKING UP END OF SCHOOL REPORTS**

End of year reports are due out on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Please can you pick up your child's report that day from outside the school office or in the hall via the entrance there if the weather is not so good. We will set out the reports on a number of tables from **8:20am until 3:30pm**. Social distancing will apply and staff will be available to hand them out. **Try to avoid drop off and pick up times if you can.**



**If your child is in school that day then the report will go home. No need to pick it up.**

### **NEW CLASSES AND STAFFING**

We are intending to let you know who your child's **new class teacher is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July after school**. Our original date was going to be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July but we have decided to put this back in order for each teacher to put together a **welcome information page** for their new class and a **welcome video**. These will all be sent out to you via parent mail on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **GOVERNMENT CATCH UP GRANT**

The Government has announced that it is providing a substantial grant to support schools in helping their pupils to catch up on missed learning. We are all eager to see what that looks like and what opportunities it may offer for the future. Further details are expected from the government.

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

Mrs Royle our Year 5 teacher is expecting a baby. She will continue to teach in Year 5 until October half term and we wish her and her husband best wishes and congratulations. We are currently advertising for a Year 5 teacher to take over from Mrs Royle. We will keep you up to date.

This week we appointed a new, temporary Year 3 teacher to cover Miss Wilkinson's maternity leave. Her name is Mrs Bethan Turner and she is an experienced teacher and school leader. Mrs Turner will be getting in touch with her new class and will start working with her new team very shortly.



### **Seaton Primary**

#### **SPORTS WEEK on w/b 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

In the absence of our whole school sports day this year, we will be having a Seaton Primary Sports Week on **w/b 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. We want to encourage personal bests that raise our self-esteem and create a sense of togetherness, as we are all taking part and supporting each other. Being physically active has huge benefits for our physical and mental wellbeing, which is particularly important during this time. Sports Week is a week where children (and adults) do a range of challenges and games to help improve their personal bests. They set some personal bests during PE (or at home) and then practice each day in order to improve on these a week later. We will be doing 6 athletic events; **Speed Bounce, Long Jump, Beanbag/Ball Throw, Clap Catch, Sprint and Daily Mile** (distance run).

We will be sending a ParentMail and upload onto Google Classroom a **PowerPoint** explaining how to get involved. In addition, Year 6 House Captains will create videos demonstrating how to do/record each event which will be uploaded onto our website. There will be a **Google Classroom form** to fill in for those children taking part at home. We will be announcing which House Team wins each event but the focus is on taking part and improving your own personal bests.

We hope everyone can join us in celebrating Seaton Primary Sports Week.

#### **Mr Delfosse**

Upper KS2 Leader  
Year 6 Teacher & PE Coordinator

### **YEAR 6 PEACE POSTERS**



Over the past week, the Y6 children have been creating their own Peace Posters. This year, we focussed on the phrase 'kindness matters' and they have all worked extremely hard and produced some impressive posters bursting with colour and messages of peace and kindness. Head on over to the website to see their creations! <https://seatonprimary.org.uk/latest-news/y6-peace-posters/>



## THINGS I HAVE NOTICED THIS WEEK

- My neighbour's fish pond is impressive with some great gold fish lurking in there.
- My dog has taken to sleeping an awful lot over the last week and has taken over the sofa.
- My friend has taught all four of his children to drive on his own – they all passed first time. Impressive!
- Seaton tram is open this weekend!
- My daughter won't show me how to use the iMovie app – she says I must work it out for myself!

### FRIDAY POEM

Here is my Friday poem **'Scissors'** by **Allan Alhberg**. I hope you enjoy it!

<https://youtu.be/y9n4tsnr-VU>

My very best wishes to you all and stay safe.

**Nic George**

Head of School

