



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break.

Now that the holidays are over, I know that many of you will have concerns and questions about the return to school for our pupils and will have received a letter from Mr Barnes regarding this. I just wanted to add a few more specific details.

I sent a schoolcomms message this morning to remind parents and carers that we are expecting all Y5 and 6 pupils to return to school as normal tomorrow (Jan 5th). School buses will be picking pupils up at their usual time and children will be following their normal timetables.

They will need to bring in a packed lunch for tomorrow and Wednesday. Pupils who receive free school meals will have a packed lunch provided.

Pupils in KS3 (Y7 and 8) will be expected to remain at home and access their learning through Google Classroom (all pupils have been trained in using Google Classroom and know their passwords). It is **essential** that children are encouraged to access their online learning and do as much as possible so that they keep up to date with the curriculum, especially as they have missed so much schooling already in the last 9 months. If there are any issues regarding this, please contact the school to see if there is any technical support we can offer. In addition we have been given the information that families on a low income can benefit from a free increase to mobile data if they are a customer of the following networks:

- ee
- Three
- Sky Mobile
- SMARTY
- Tesco Mobile
- Virgin Mobile.

If this applies to your family, please let the school know so that we can assist you in arranging this.

The school will also be open from tomorrow to KS3 vulnerable children and children of key workers. A Google Form was sent out before the Christmas break for parents to sign up. If you completed this form, then we are expecting your child to attend tomorrow. If you have not completed this form you **must not** send your child to school, without contacting the school office first. At this point, it is important to note that 'key workers' refers

to a specific group of jobs/roles. I have included the link about who is regarded as a key worker for clarification.

[Critical worker - link](#)

For the KS3 children who are coming into school tomorrow, they need to come in at their normal time and can travel on the school bus if they do normally. They will be working in year group 'bubbles' and will be supervised completing the online learning on Google Classroom that their peers are doing.

They will need to bring in a packed lunch for tomorrow and Wednesday. Pupils who receive free school meals will have a packed lunch provided.

At the moment, I think you will appreciate that changes are happening nationally on a daily, sometimes hourly basis so it may be necessary to contact you again and make alterations to the plans we have in place. We are also working hard to set up our staff and KS3 pupil testing facility which we hope to have up and running at the beginning of next week. The testing will be voluntary so we will be asking for your consent to this via a Google form later in the week. Further details of all of this will follow in due course.

For now, if you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Karen McSparron  
Head of School

