



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

I just wanted to give you some updates now that we have come to the end of week 1 of the new school opening arrangements.

We have successfully established our educational provision for vulnerable and key worker children in school. This week we have had 45 pupils being taught in year group bubbles and 5 classrooms in use. Each group is supervised and supported by a teacher and a teaching assistant. Pupils are working online on lessons set by their teachers, following their normal daily timetable, including a session of PE each day.

In addition to this, Google Classroom lessons should now be in place for those working at home. Teachers have been working extremely hard to get this up and running which I am sure you will appreciate has been a challenge with such little notice. Please bear in mind that as teachers are working in school, as well as with online classes at the same time, they may not always be able to respond immediately to pupil queries. They will respond as soon as they can.

For those children working at home, to make it easier for pupils (and parents!), it is suggested that children set a timetable, from 9am to 3pm, which follows the 5 lessons they would normally have in school each day. Pupils should aim to spend 45mins on a lesson. Also, timetable regular breaks and lunch into each day. This will hopefully give the children a structure to their day. I also want to draw your attention to the Google Classroom as children must click into each class lesson to see what has been set. If a teacher has not set a submission date for the work, it can look from the outside as if there is nothing there. Once the pupil opens the lesson, they will then be able to see the work.

If any pupils have difficulty in accessing Google Classroom, due to passwords, lack of equipment etc, please get in touch with school as soon as possible to see how we can support you with this.

Please encourage your children to do as much online learning as they can. This virus has done enough damage without potentially harming the future prospects of our young people.

Regards,
Karen McSparron
Head of School

