



# SEAHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing with regard to our current provision for opening to students at 8am. For a number of year's school has opened to students at 8.00am and this has allowed students to attend Breakfast club in the library or actually drop in and have breakfast in the Dining Hall. To my knowledge, in the eight years I have worked in the school, firstly as Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher, there have never been any concerns expressed or incidents that have led us to question our procedures. Regrettably there was an incident which occurred last Thursday involving one student which has required myself and Governors to reflect on current practice. The student concerned is safe and whilst I am unable to comment on the individual circumstances, I do think it prudent to look at our systems for this provision. To reassure parents the main concern is around the fact that the green gates are open from 8.00am to 8.45am which allows students to enter the building, have breakfast but also to leave the building if they choose to do so. Safety is always our highest priority and if there is an incident that causes concern, then it must be looked at objectively to ensure that our procedures are robust and the best that they can be.

I need to investigate the incident thoroughly, review current procedures and report to Governors as to whether our procedures need to be amended in light of last Thursday's incident. **Therefore, I have made the decision to temporarily suspend Breakfast provision at the school and need to make you aware that the Green gate, which students enter through will not open until 8:30am. If you drop your child off prior to 8:30am you need to be aware that they will not have access to the school building or the area behind our Green fence and therefore will be unsupervised.** Those students who need to be inside school prior to 8:30am are students on Year 11 revision sessions, those attending the Exclusion Unit at 8:15am or those completing morning detentions. Those students should report to main office reception and will be given access to the building through the same entrance as staff.

I realise that this may inconvenience or disappoint some students who enjoy coming into school earlier and parents who may drop students off prior to 8:30am. The new procedures will come into place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020** in order to give plenty of notice to students and parents that students will not be able to enter the building prior to 8:30am. This procedure will continue until at least the next Full Governors meeting, which is on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. If anyone has any comments, which they would like me to take into account whilst I review procedures please contact the school via the school email address.

Yours sincerely

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