

5 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you know we have been advised of several new positive Covid-19 cases in our school. You will be aware that the school has established three different bubbles and break/lunchtime zones and we believe that this is allowing us to manage risk and identify contacts effectively. Only one of these positive cases is in the main secondary school bubble and it is in year 9. There have been no reported cases within the main school bubble in years 7, 8, 10 or 11, nor in our primary school bubble.

We are in regular contact with Public Health England and our local authority advisors, both of whom support what we are doing and how we are doing it. Those who have needed to isolate and get tested have been told to do so and we are monitoring very closely the situation at all times. There is close tracking of any potential threat of the virus being spread and as a result, individuals who may have been exposed, have been spoken to as soon as possible.

Whilst Covid can be mild for many, I know that others of you are worried at this time, and I want to try and reassure you that school is still a safe place to be. Samuel Cody School is a kind and nurturing place, supportive of its community, and I want to thank you for your support during these difficult times.

To help ease with significant temporary staff absence this week, I am asking YR 9 students to remain at home on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October for one day. On Wednesday and Thursday our timetable is less difficult to cover, but on Friday we will have the same issue again and so I am asking YR 7 students to stay at home for the day. SAM Learning is available for your child to access during this time and I would encourage your engagement with this.

I would also ask, that if your child is able to manage wearing a mask for some of the day, that you send them in with one on their next day in school and every day after that. This should be worn during transition times around school and between lessons, going to the toilet or attending an appointment with a visiting professional. Masks can then be removed on arrival in the classroom.

These decisions have been taken in line with the daily review of our risk assessment procedures as well as DfE guidance and will, I am sure, offer an extra layer of reassurance to all members of the school community.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child in school.

Yours Sincerely



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