



## **Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College**

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Covid-19 Update – Wider school opening 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing to you to confirm the arrangements for a full return to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Staff have been working very hard to facilitate a Covid-19 safe environment for our students and wider school community. We understand that the return to school may be an anxious time for some, but if we all follow a few simple rules, we can be assured that the return to school will be as safe as it can be for everyone.

From Monday, all secondary students should bring an appropriate face covering into school. This should be worn at all times where possible when transitioning around school, whilst queueing for food at lunch and breaktimes, and whilst on all school transport. It is essential that those who can manage the wearing of a mask, wear one. Those who wish to wear a mask in class will be able to do so. If students forget or lose their mask, their tutor will be able to give them one. Students will be reminded on the first day back of our Covid-19 safety rules, and they will be asked to sanitise hands regularly, wear masks and use the one-way system to move around school. Primary students do not need to wear a mask around school, but may need to wear one on transport if able.

It is expected that all students will wear the school's uniform on days that they do not have PE. Please be reminded that hoodies are not part of the school uniform and are not allowed to be worn in school. PE kit should be worn on days where PE or our Sports Leader Award is timetabled to reduce the need to use changing rooms. PE kit should be regulation school kit. In secondary that is: black shorts or a sports skirt, official house T shirt, white or black socks, trainers, and tracksuits if the weather is cold. In primary that is: black shorts or sports skirt, white T shirt with school logo, white or black socks and trainers. Teachers in the Primary school will be contacting parents regarding class timetables and PE lessons to confirm which days PE kit should be worn.

On return to school, students will have the opportunity in the first two weeks, to engage in some wellbeing activities as part of our Covid-19 recovery curriculum. Our students have been out of education for a long time and whilst we will be trying our hardest to get them all back on track with learning, we will be doing everything we can to help support their mental wellbeing too. If you have concerns about your child's return, please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

Our saliva testing programme for all students who have enrolled on it will roll out after the Easter break. Until then we will be offering secondary students LFD testing in school twice a week. If you wish your child to participate in this, please contact Mr Tyreman ([g.tyreman@samuelcody.hants.sch.uk](mailto:g.tyreman@samuelcody.hants.sch.uk)). In line with our Covid-19 Risk Assessment, students in Yrs. 10 and 11 will enter school in the morning at the usual door at the far end of the building, and students in Yrs. 7, 8 and 9 will enter school using the middle door in the front of school by the main hall. This is to ensure safe distancing where possible.

Floor markings are in place to provide a guide for socially distanced queueing. Students will be expected to hand in their phones and can collect a face mask if they do not have one. On leaving school at the end of the day, year groups in the secondary school will depart 3 minutes apart from each other to enable social distancing. Yr 11 will leave school at 2:33pm, YR 10 at 2:36pm, YR 9 at 2:39pm, YR 8 at 2:42pm and YR 7 at 2:45pm. Parents who are transporting students should use the parking on the left directly inside of the main school entrance for drop-offs and pick-ups. Students using school transport will collect their bus or coach either directly outside of school or in the car park near the primary school. Primary students will enter and exit school as usual at the normal time. These arrangements are the same as they were before lockdown.

If your child is in the secondary part of school, you can now order and pay for school lunches online. If you would like to do this, please email Mr Tyreman ([g.tyreman@samuelcody.hants.sch.uk](mailto:g.tyreman@samuelcody.hants.sch.uk)) and he will send you a video link explaining how to do this. Primary students will need to continue bringing in cash to pay for their lunches.

Please can all ICT equipment that has been loaned to students be returned to school next week. This is to ensure that it can be checked and made ready for in-school use.

Finally, it remains for me to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back in school from next Monday.

Yours Sincerely



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