



## **Samuel Cody School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on the Covid-19 situation as well as things that have been happening in school and setting out some of the plans for next term.

Yet again, you will be aware that as a school we have been managing many more cases of COVID-19 within our school population and have been working really hard to keep things as normal as possible. I would like to say a big thank you for all the support that you have given us to help keep the school safe over the past 2 years. We are now moving forward into our 'Living with Covid Plan'. Mr Tyreman, whose designation is now Assistant Headteacher and Health Protection Officer, has written to you all outlining what to do if your child has symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19. The Covid-19 mobile line is no longer monitored and will only be reactivated in the event of a future outbreak. You will be told if this happens. In the meantime, you may still contact Mr Tyreman on his email address if you have any questions regarding Covid-19 moving forward.

Apologies, but in consultation with the Primary and Secondary Resources Group in September 2021, Hampshire County Council has come to an agreement to increase the school meal price to £2.60 from Monday 25 April 2022. I am proud of our meal offer in school and are working hard with the catering provider to give our children both good quality food and ample portions. Whilst this is rise in prices, I do believe that it is still good value for money.

Several trips and visits have taken place this last half term including a YR 9 Isle of Wight residential trip. We have held our first face to face parents evening in two years, which was well attended by many parents. It was delightful to see so many of you and I and my team look forward to welcoming you to the next one later in the year with wider curriculum appointments.

Other trips that have taken place have been for our primary pupils including visits to a local garden centre and a local post-office and the local community. This is part of our on-going cultural capital development programme to give our younger pupils opportunities to encourage curiosity and adventure. A primary enrichment curriculum has started this last half term and engagement is high. Future plans for the school include a visit from the mobile farm, day trips out to the zoo, as well as a celebration for our pupils and students of the Queens Platinum Jubilee later in May. Further details will be sent out after the Easter break.

Our YR 8's have been on their off-site enrichment activity to Horseshoe Lake, and whilst the weather has been challenging, they have engaged well and had much fun on and in the water! Several non-uniform days have been held to raise funds for good causes such as 'Support Ukraine Day' and over £300 was raised. More such days have been requested by the school council and you will be notified of these as we go through the year. Our Enterprise afternoon, which was supposed to be held today the 8<sup>th</sup> April, has had to be postponed due

to the number of staff and children who have been off with Covid-19 and will now be held after Easter. The primary enterprise afternoon will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May and the secondary one on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Parents will be invited into school to participate in this new event. We will be holding a sports day this year to which parents will be invited for the afternoon. Primary and Secondary events will be held separately. Further details will be sent out after Easter.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in an inter-house volleyball competition, a YR 7 sleep-over, a music concert and the Duke of Edinburgh group will undertake more practice walks. This is in addition to more after-school clubs starting again and our on-going preparation of our YR 11's for their upcoming examinations in May and June. Next term promises to be very busy, but equally very exciting.

Today you will be receiving an end of spring term report for your child. I have read them all and am very proud to read that so many of our pupils and students are making good progress. This will be sent home via the students in their school bags. You will be sent a text to confirm that they have been given to students, so please check bags on their arrival at home. If your child is not in school today, their report will be posted to the address that we have on our records. YR 9 parents and carers will receive the options booklet after Easter and will have a face to face options appointment with a senior member of staff in May to firm up their child's pathway to success.

We have had some staff changes, including Ms Aylmer who is now our Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Teaching and Learning and Mr Jenkins who is now my Senior Assistant Headteacher. I know that you will be joining me in wishing them well in their new roles.

Finally, my team and I wish you all a relaxing and healthy Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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