



## ***Samuel Cody School***

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The New Year is now in full swing and as usual at this time of year, the school is experiencing the effects of the winter cold and flu viruses. We will do all that we can to keep the school running as smoothly as possible, but on days where we are hugely short staffed, we may have to adapt the curriculum for our learners. We will of course, only do this when it is absolutely necessary, but on some days this might mean that your child has different activities and indeed a change of staff who are working with them.

Additionally, incidents of Diarrhoea and Vomiting (D&V) are still affecting some of our students. We would kindly remind parents and carers that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last time they have been unwell. This is in line with NHS guidelines on school attendance following incidents of D&V. Children who are brought into school before 48 hours will be sent home again to protect the other members of the school population, some of whom are medically very vulnerable. Thank you for your support and understanding with both of these.

Sadly, we are still getting incidents of students throwing water bottles. Students have been told that they should keep their bottles in their bags and not carry them around school. Water bottles are heavy when full or even partially full, so please speak to your child at home about this again tonight. Students unable to follow our health and safety guidelines with regards to this will have to leave their water bottles with their tutors or not have them in school at all.

The school photographer will be in the primary department on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January so please make sure your child comes into school wearing their brightest smile.

The next primary parents evening is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March between 3pm & 6pm. You will be notified when the online booking system opens for appointments. The next parents evening for KS4 parents is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February between 5pm and 7pm in the main hall. The online booking system is still open, so please make sure you make your appointments as soon as possible. Bookings close on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The KS3 parents evening will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April between 4pm and 7pm. We will let you know when the online booking platform is open for this.

Our YR 11 mock exams begin next week and run for the whole week. This is an important experience for our students and will give them a taste of what some of the exams will feel like in May. I know that you will join with me in wishing them all well during this time.

Our next residential will be the YR 9 trip to the Isle of Wight from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February. The YR 10 residential to Swanage is after Half Term and will take place from the 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February. Residential experiences and the availability of these to our students are an important part of our curriculum and we are lucky that we are still able to run these at no cost to parents.

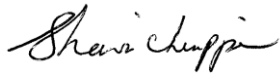
The primary department will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We will let you know more about the plans for the day in due course.

The school will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. More information will follow about our plans for the day.

Finally, we will be running a Recycling Awareness Day on 26<sup>th</sup> March. We are embracing a new approach to recycling as a school and will use this day to educate our children on the importance of it.

When Half Term arrives, I hope you all have a good week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shari Chinnappa', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Chinnappa  
Headteacher  
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