



THANK YOU...

...to all our school community for supporting us through these very challenging times. We always seek and follow the advice from the DfE and PHE (Public Health England) before making decisions regarding bubble closures. Parents and carers will have received a Tier 2 guidance outlining what can and can't be done in our local area. Whilst we continue to follow all the necessary procedures and guidance in school, we kindly request the school community adheres to the new regulations.

If anyone in your household gets COVID symptoms, everyone in the household must self-isolate and arrange a test for the member who has symptoms. Children must not return to school unless that member has a negative result, or in the case of a positive result until the 14-day self-isolation period has ended. Results of tests should be emailed to school with URGENT in the subject bar. If your child has been asked to self-isolate due to bubble closure, they return on the date given. Children who are self-isolating must get tested if they develop symptoms and must not go out during this period.

If your child is generally unwell and you are not sure whether to get them tested, please contact 111 for advice. Children do get lots of colds and coughs at this time of year, but it is better to be cautious and keep them at home if unwell.

SCHOOL OFFICE

- * If you need to speak to a member of the office staff please ring the bell and wait behind the barrier and a member of the office team will come out to speak to you. Please wear a face mask.
- * The toilet in the foyer outside the office area is for staff use only. Please do not bring your child in to use it.
- * If you have any questions or queries please email or ring the school office. Mrs Jaques will not be on the playground to take messages at the present time.

CHRISTMAS NEWS

- * **Christmas Concert on 9th December** - unfortunately this has been postponed. Children should come to school in their uniforms unless it is PE day.
- * **Post-box for Cards** - to ensure safety and to reduce the risk of cross-contamination children will be able to post cards in the post-box until 9.00am on Monday 14th December. The cards will be left in the box for 72 hours. Cards will be delivered to classes by a member of staff wearing full PPE at 10.00am on Thursday 17th December. No cards brought in after 9.00am on Monday 14th December will be distributed.
- * **Christmas Activities and Gifts** - Everything will be 'quarantined' for 72 hours before the children bring any cards, decorations and gifts home on the last day of term.
- * **Christmas Lunch** - please email kreeves@romanway.herts.sch.uk **BY TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER** if your child would like a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December. We would like to gauge numbers. Please indicate whether your child would like the turkey or vegetarian option.
- * **Class Christmas Parties** - you will be advised which day your child's Christmas party will take place.

SICKNESS AND/OR DIARRHOEA

Children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and/ or diarrhoea. Thank you.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Braiswick Photographic are coming to us in May to take group and class photographs so the individual catch-ups will also take place then.

Have a peaceful and safe weekend.
Mrs Baxter.

VACANCIES

We have two vacancies at Roman Way Academy. An NVQ Level 3 Teaching Assistant and a Midday Supervisory Assistant. Please visit our website for details.



ADVICE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

- **Can we give and receive Christmas cards this year?**

Children can give and receive cards within and outside of their bubbles, however where schools want to do this, the risks of transmission of COVID-19 can be managed simply by adopting a 72 hour 'quarantine' period for the cards before delivery to another bubble.

- **Can we give and receive presents this year?**

The guidance on this would be the same as for cards above. Within the bubble is fine, but if they need to go between bubbles, they should be 'quarantined' for 72 hours before being distributed.

- **Can we have decorations and Christmas trees?**

Yes. Decorations and trees within a class bubble are fine. However, pupils should avoid touching them, as cleaning these is not easily possible. Schools should also be mindful that cleaning of some surfaces may be more difficult with decorations and should remind staff and cleaning teams that the approach to rigorous surface cleaning must take priority over decorations. If the school has a tree or other accessible decorations in a central area, then pupils/staff should avoid touching these to avoid transmission risk between bubbles.

- **What about any Christmas parties in school?**

Yes, within bubbles. However, you should avoid pupils bringing in food to share, and it would be best to provide any food and drink from one source (e.g. school kitchen or staff purchased). That way precautions around hand washing and container hygiene can be ensured.