

Roman Way Academy
COVID-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan
 September 2021

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| <p>Should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p>  |  NO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. • From 16th August 2021, children under 18 years 6 months (or double vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate if a member of their household or a contact has COVID. • Instead, they will need to book a PCR test, but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative. |
| |  YES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, NOT a Lateral Flow Test. • If your child develops COVID symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. • If your child tests positive for COVID, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 years 6 months or fully vaccinated, but instead should book a PCR test. |

| Community COVID Risk | Description | Action |
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|  <p>Low Community Transmission - No school cases.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days. • Cases of Covid locally are low and/or stable. • Hospitalisations/deaths due to COVID nationally are low. | <p>No Covid-19 measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding children of regular and good hand and respiratory hygiene. • Limited children in the toilets at any given time. • Ensuring good ventilation, encouraged where practical. • Ensuring children/staff stay at home if they display Covid-19 symptoms and to book a PCR test. • Staff will be encouraged to continue to test themselves twice a week using Lateral Flow Tests. • School open from 8.45 to reduce numbers. |
|  <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... • Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. • Herts Public Health/Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/national infection wave. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing supervised. • Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. • Staffroom capacity is reduced. • Staff will continue to test twice weekly using Lateral Flow Tests. • Reduce visitors on site, including parents. Hold any meetings virtually where possible. • Whole school assemblies are replaced entirely with 'online' assemblies. • Extremely clinically vulnerable staff meet with line managers to review their Individual Risk Assessment and discuss additional protection, (e.g. use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/groups). |

| Number of Cases | Description | Actions |
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|  <p>A single child tests positive</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child tests positive for Covid-19 in a class. • There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group. • No other year groups are affected. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it. • The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts. • Likely contacts to be contacted by NHS Track & Trace. PCR Tests advised. . • List of positive cases kept (pupils and staff). • Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid-19 symptoms. |
|  <p>5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other OR 3 children or staff in a single Class within 10 days.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 5 cases of Covid-19 across a year group within 10 days, which could mean that Covid-19 is spreading within that group of children. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The school will discuss the outbreak with Herts Public Health and agree strengthening protective measure for 10 school days. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introducing staff face coverings for corridors and communal areas. • Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances. • Reverting to video-link assemblies, parent meetings, visitors and training in classrooms. • Reducing the amount of classes staff work across. • Staff continue with twice-weekly staff lateral flow testing. |
|  <p>COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the measures indicated above, Covid-19 cases within the school continue to rise within a 10-day period, with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid-19 is spreading widely throughout the school. | <p>Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and Herts Public Health to agree further measures, for a further 10 school days, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introducing class bubbles. • Reverting to staggered lunchtimes within bubbles. • Limiting all non-essential visitors to school and encourage virtual meetings where possible. • Postponing all non-essential events. • Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days. |

The school will inform parents of any changes to COVID measures should these be needed.