



# Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

It has been great to have all the children back in school again and we have all thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the children's different experiences over the summer. Once again there are some changes for the children to get used to, but everyone has settled very quickly, adapted to the new routines and worked hard. We are particularly delighted to welcome our new Reception children into school.

Over the first few weeks of this term we are spending time focussing on re-establishing learning behaviours, the children's wellbeing and settling them back in to the new school routine. You should have received information about our Imaginative Learning Projects (ILP) for this term from each year group (this information will also be on our school website).

This term we will keep using our school Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1830025573811297> to share some of the learning that is taking place across school. As we are all now back together, the assembly videos showing what we have been up to will be put together half termly but we will continue to add photos each week as before. We also have a new website which has new content to support learning at home and at school and will continue to be developed over the next few weeks.

## Changes to coronavirus (COVID-19) measures this term

We want to thank you for supporting the school's fight against coronavirus last year and for working with us through what has been a challenging time for everyone. We are incredibly grateful for your participation and understanding.

In line with the government's roadmap out of lockdown, many control measures ceased to be legal requirements on 19 July. The information below outlines our current arrangements – by working together we can continue to keep everyone safe and reduce the spread of coronavirus.

## Testing and self-isolation

The school is no longer responsible for Test and Trace close contact tracing. This has been taken over by the NHS Test and Trace service, who will inform your child if they have been in close contact with a positive case and advise them to take a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Your child will not need to self-isolate and can attend school as usual, unless the PCR test returns a positive result.

The school will continue to have a role in working with local health protection teams (HPTs) in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in the school, the NHS will contact the school and a Director of Public Health could advise us to temporarily reintroduce control measures – we will inform you as soon as possible if this applies.

If your child receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result, they should self-isolate in line with the [stay-at-home guidance](#). They will also need to get a free PCR test to confirm if they have coronavirus; whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within two days of the positive LFD test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test result and your child can return to school, as long as they have not experienced coronavirus symptoms for 48 hours prior to their return.

### **End of staggered start and pick up times**

The staggering of start and pick up times for different year groups are no longer in place. All pupils will be able to arrive and depart from school at the same time each day without restrictions. Can we also remind you that school begins at 9:00am. Please ensure your child arrives in plenty of time to ensure a prompt start in the classroom at 9:00am. Each class teacher will collect the children from the playground and take them into school. The finish times for school are 3:15pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and 3:25pm for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

### **Mixing and bubbles**

'Bubbles' are no longer being implemented within the school. Alongside enabling flexibility in the delivery of curriculum, the lifting of this restriction also allows assemblies and lunches to resume as normal.

Your child will no longer need to adhere to social distancing rules in communal areas and classrooms. Pupils will be able to sit in groups in the classroom and at lunchtime and the need to sit facing forwards will also no longer be in place.

To prepare for the event that cases rise in the local area, the school has created contingency plans to cover the possibility that it may become necessary to reintroduce bubbles for a temporary period in order to reduce mixing between groups.

### **Cleaning and sanitary procedures**

We have put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This includes the regular cleaning of areas and equipment with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

Frequent and thorough hand washing is encouraged. We will continue to ensure that your child cleans their hands regularly with soap and water.

### **Extracurricular activities**

Over the next few weeks we will be restarting some of our afterschool activities. Private music lessons are also restarting. Details will be sent out with newsletters or please contact the school office for further information.

### **Remote learning**

We have ensured that remote education plans are in place in the event your child has to self-isolate. While attendance is mandatory, high-quality remote learning will be provided for pupils who are following clinical or government guidance to stay at home, e.g. where they are self-isolating. All pupils who are not physically unwell will be given access to remote education as soon as reasonably practicable via their Teams account.

### **Food**

Please can we remind everyone that we have a number of children in school who have a food allergy. We particularly ask that children do not bring nuts into school and that packed lunches do not contain nuts. For children who have school dinners and where parents have previously informed us about the specific allergy we will be sending home new forms from our caterers this week as they need to be updated for the new year. Please note that for the caterers to provide specific products for meals due to an allergy they require a letter from a doctor to confirm the allergy.

### **Updating contact details**

Please can you ensure that the school office hold the most up to date contact details for your child. If you need to update contact details, please do this by emailing [admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk). Thank you.

## What Do Governors Do?

The governors' work affects most aspects of the school's work. They establish, with the Headteacher, aims for the school, and approve policies – for the curriculum, behaviour and discipline, for example; and are responsible for the school's budget and the use and maintenance of the premises. More generally, they are expected to be in touch with the local community and to help guide the school to meet the community's educational needs. They are also expected to help the school explain to the community what the school is trying to achieve for their children. The governors, together as a body, have a range of legal responsibilities, so being a governor is an important commitment and new governors should be willing to attend training to help them learn what is entailed. As well as parents, the governing body is made up of governors appointed by the Local Authority (the County Council), school staff, the headteacher and governors appointed by the rest of the governing body (co-opted governors). Our governors meet monthly and as such they consider all school matters as a whole governing body rather than in separate committees.

We are currently looking to recruit a new parent governor so if you are interested to find out more please contact the school office for details

## Stars of the Week

Every Friday we have a special celebration assembly when staff give out awards that link to our "Secrets of Success". We also use the Marvellous Me app to record Team Points and send home information about the learning activities taking place in each class. Even if you don't have the app at home we can still use it in school to record Team Points etc. but last year 97% of families used this free app with very positive feedback. Details of how to access this app for new starters will come from the office shortly.

Congratulations to the following children who received the "Star of the Week" award in our celebration assembly today:

<b>Mrs. Allen's class</b>	Emily F, Riley B
<b>Mrs. Hugill's class</b>	William O, Eloise R
<b>Miss. Hillary's class</b>	Sophie A, Benjamin T
<b>Mrs. Week's and Mrs. Crocker's class</b>	Mason W, Rex H
<b>Miss Lewis' class</b>	Ivy C, Charlotte S
<b>Miss Payne's class</b>	Amaya Mc, Amira B
<b>Mrs. Bradnam's and Mrs. Everitt's class</b>	Sophie C, Hunter D
<b>Mrs. Seal's class</b>	Steven F, Lily-Rose I
<b>Mrs. Howe's and Mrs. Mayhew's class</b>	Charlie A, Ava S
<b>Mrs. Clarke's class</b>	Willow H, Avah T



## Secrets of Success

We all follow three simple rules  
**We have the right to be treated with respect**  
**We have the right to learn**  
**We have the right to be safe**



RRSA: Article 28 – We have the right to a good quality education.

If you would like this information in another language or format please let us know.