



RMS Home+School Agreement

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Please note- Covid-19 relevant sections have been added in green.

Robert May's School Ethos:

We are a community in pursuit of excellence for all. We ask people to observe the Robert May's Way (Respect, Manage, Support). We expect everyone on the school site to learn to help themselves, learn to help others and learn to make the world a better place.

The Student

I will:

- Attend school on time every day **when I am well**
- **Not come into school if I am feeling at all unwell (temperature, new continuous cough, loss of, or change in sense of smell/taste) , or if someone in my household is unwell, has tested positive for Covid-19 or who is in quarantine from travelling abroad**
- Be polite, courteous and helpful to other staff and students at all times
- Not engage in any unkindness to others, any poor behaviour or any bullying behaviours
- Bring the equipment and kit I need every day, **not share it with others or borrow other students' equipment**
- Wear the correct school uniform and be tidy in appearance (see uniform list)
- **Keep my nails short and will not wear any jewellery**
- **Wash my hands thoroughly with soap and water when arriving on the school site, during the day between lessons, and whenever I am asked to do so by staff and/or sanitise my hands at all available opportunities**
- Complete all classwork, coursework/controlled assessments and homework to the best of my ability
- **Engage with and complete all remote learning tasks through Google Classroom or via Teams when requested**
- Know and keep the school's Behaviour Code, **including the Covid-19 rules (see below)**
- Participate in as many learning opportunities as I can
- Respect the school environment and keep the school free of litter
- **Travel to and from school sensibly, behaving politely and considerately to other students and adults, and will follow any/all Covid-19 measures that are asked of me by transport operators including wearing a face covering if requested**
- **Wear a face covering in school if my family wishes me to do so (face coverings/masks are optional at the time of update).**

School Covid-19 rules: (taken from the Covid-19 annex in the school Behaviour Policy)

We have taken a number of measures in accordance with government guidance to ensure that education for students is as safe as possible during the current pandemic. Everyone is asked to acknowledge that certain behaviours could increase the risk to others- both to other students and to other staff- and then possibly, in the wider community itself. This would be devastating. We do not want students to be careless about this, and will be reminding them continually of the rules. For the avoidance of doubt, we are publishing here the set of rules that must be followed at this time, until there is a Covid-19 vaccine, or until the virus is less likely to lead to hospitalisation and serious health complications for vulnerable people.

It is essential that these rules are followed:

- **Students MUST stay away from school if they are feeling slightly unwell with any symptoms, but specifically, fever (high temperature), continuous cough, loss or change in smell/taste. Parents/Carers must email the school before 8.00am to explain that their child is ill. Parents/Carers are encouraged to arrange for their child to be tested for Covid-19 immediately. The school will mark the student's absence as a medical (sickness) absence.**
- **Students MUST stay away from school if they are in quarantine from visiting another country, or if they have another household member who is suffering from or is suspected of suffering from Covid-19 symptoms, or who has returned from a quarantine country.**
- Students MUST wash their hands thoroughly on entering the school site
- Students MUST sanitize their hands on entry to classrooms
- Students MUST sit in the seats that have been allocated to them by their teachers in the classroom
- Students MUST follow the school's one-way system always when on the school site and specifically when walking to/from break time or lunch time
- Students MUST remain 2m away from any/all adults in the school at all times, unless there are other mitigations in place, for example, the adults are wearing PPE
- Students MUST clean/disinfect shared equipment such as laptops/chrome-books as directed by their teachers
- Students MUST remain in their allocated year group tutor rooms, outdoor play areas and eating/food queuing areas
- Students MUST wash their hands before and after eating
- Students MUST obey the rules laid down by Hampshire Schools Transport for travelling on school buses. For example, if they are asked to sanitize their hands on entry to the bus and/or if they are asked to wear face coverings while travelling on the school bus or taxi, they MUST do so.
- In the event of a lock-down, or the school/government requiring some students to continue their education at home, students MUST engage with the learning that has been prepared by teachers and LSAs, through the school's Google classroom platform and through receiving live-streamed Microsoft Teams lessons.
- If students do not have the equipment at home to continue learning remotely, they MUST tell their Head of Year or ask their parents/carers to do so. The school will make arrangements for appropriate IT equipment to be loaned to that household.
- Students MUST NOT share food or drink
- Students MUST NOT chew gum or spit at any time
- Students MUST NOT share books or equipment unless they are directed to do so by the teacher because of the nature of the learning activity in class
- Students MUST NOT try to socialise with students from other year groups
- Students MUST NOT come within 2m of staff unless the staff members are wearing PPE
- Students MUST NOT act in any way that deliberately puts another member of the school community at risk of contracting COVID-19.

The Parent/Carer

I / We will:

- **Keep my/our child at home if they are experiencing any cold/flu symptoms, such as continuous cough, high temperature, change or loss of taste/smell. I will email the school on info@rmays.com headed Sickness Absence before 8am on the first morning of sickness or suspected sickness.**
- **Keep my/our child at home if any person in our household is ill with Covid-19 symptoms, has been tested positive for Covid-19 or who is in quarantine for any Covid-19 reason including travel-related. I will notify the school as described above.**
- Ensure that my/our child attends school on time, regularly **when they are in good health**, in the correct school uniform and that they are properly equipped
- Contact the school on the first day of absence via email to info@rmays.com and send in an absence note on the day my/our child returns to school
- Be polite when talking to school staff
- Not take holidays during term time
- Inform the school via email of any concerns or problems that might affect my/our child's work or behaviour.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour, **especially the Covid-19 rules (see above)**
- Ensure that my child attends detentions or completes any sanction when required
- Provide a peaceful, suitable place where my child can complete **homework/independent school learning that could include live streaming of lessons**
- Take an active interest in my child's life at school by asking them about their day when they get home
- Encourage reading, by reading aloud, listening to my/our child read, allowing subtitles on the television, encouraging the purchase of books and e-books
- Encourage my/our child and praise them when they have completed homework/online learning and ensure that deadlines are kept
- Sign my/our child's homework diary regularly
- Attend Parents'/Carers' consultation sessions **and any meetings about my/our child's progress, either by phone or remote video chat, or in person if it is safe to do so.**
- **Not come onto the school site unless a pre-arranged meeting has been agreed and scheduled**

The School will:

- Deliver the best standard of education that it can by following the stated aims in its Articles of Association and Funding Agreement

- **Adapt learning and teaching operations to ensure the safest possible environment for learning, taking account of the government's guidance for opening in a pandemic**
- **Contact home immediately if a child becomes unwell during the school day with suspected Covid-19 symptoms**
- **Follow the Public Health England (or replacement body) recommended procedures for reporting any suspected Covid-19 infections, confirmed Covid-19 infections and subsequent school cleaning/closure instructions and procedures, and inform families**
- **Adapt teaching and learning to remote delivery using Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams for a balance of live-streaming and reading/writing paper based learning styles**
- Contact parents if there is an issue with their child's attendance, punctuality, behaviour, uniform or equipment
- Let parents know about any concerns or problems that affect their child's work or behaviour; the school will use parenting contracts and parenting orders when appropriate
- Send home interim progress letters and annual reports/reviews
- Make available assessment data through the parent portal
- Set, mark and monitor homework and provide facilities for homework to be done in school when appropriate
- **Arrange Parents'/Carers' Consultation sessions, either in face-to-face settings where it is safe to do so, or remotely by telephone or video link, during which attainment and progress will be discussed**
- Keep parents informed about school activities through the weekly Parent Bulletin, termly Parent Newsletter, the school website, letters home and emails/electronic communications using authorised sites such as the school Facebook page.