

## COVID-19 control measures

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We continue to modify the Schools COVID-19 control measures in response to changes in government guidance considered within our School context. The table, below, provides details of the key control measures designed to minimise the risk of virus transmission amongst staff, pupils and visitors.

**Increased stringency and compliance remain necessary to mitigate the prevalence and properties of the delta variant of SARS-CoV-2. For example, to counter its greater transmissibility maximising indoor ventilation is essential.**

If you have any queries concerning these control measures, or any health concerns, please contact a member of the Senior Management Team, as appropriate to your area.

Hazardous situation	Mitigation	Control measures
An infectious person enters the School site	Identify asymptomatic cases of infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>VOLUNTARY</b> – staff and Secondary pupils use Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) to self-test for coronavirus at home, twice weekly (except within 90 days of a positive PCR test).</li> <li>Self-isolate immediately if you or a member of your household develops COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change of taste or smell), or has a positive LFD or PCR test result, or is requested to do so by the <a href="#">NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect Service (TTP)</a>. Proceed according to the advice and guidance provided under <a href="#">Self-isolation</a> on the Welsh Government website and according to that provided to you by TTP. Even if household contacts are fully vaccinated and/or under 18 they should not come into school until they have received a negative PCR test result and, if they are participating in the LFD program, they are requested to self-test each day until the end of the case's isolation period.</li> <li>Staff and parents/guardians of pupils who are affected should inform the school as soon as possible via <a href="mailto:COVID19@rougemontschool.co.uk">COVID19@rougemontschool.co.uk</a> and should keep the school informed of all test results.</li> </ul>
	Consult and observe self-isolation rules	
Virus transmission from asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic individuals via aerosols and airborne droplets	Minimise contacts amongst staff and pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideally, adults and pupils should maintain a minimum 2m distance.</li> <li>Avoid car sharing.</li> </ul>
	Maximise indoor ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ventilate all occupied indoor spaces through fully or partially opening internal and external doors and windows.</li> <li>Increase ventilation before, after and between periods of occupation, by leaving doors and/or windows open.</li> </ul>
	Wear a face covering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings must be worn at all times in indoor communal areas by staff, Senior school, and Sixth Form pupils (except when teaching or whilst eating or drinking), <i>even if no one else is in the area at the time</i>.</li> <li>Visitors should also use a face covering, including parents when dropping off and picking up pupils.</li> <li>Face coverings should be made up of three layers but do not need to be medical-grade face masks. Please note that neither visors nor face shields are face coverings.</li> </ul>
Virus transmission via surfaces	Maintain meticulous hand and respiratory hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean hands thoroughly and frequently, particularly before and after touching surfaces touched by others, and before and after handling a face covering. Hand sanitiser can be used where soap and water are not available.</li> <li>Avoid touching the face, and catch coughs or sneezes in a tissue or by covering the mouth and nose with an elbow or sleeve.</li> <li>Avoid placing face coverings on desks etc.; store reusable face coverings in individual, sealable plastic bags between and after use.</li> <li>Replace your face covering if it becomes damp, disposing of single-use face coverings in a 'black bag' waste bin.</li> </ul>
	Enhance cleaning protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean shared surfaces, such as desks and computer workstations, after use using antiseptic wipes.</li> <li>Facilities staff regularly clean frequently touched surfaces in communal areas, e.g. door handles and light switches.</li> </ul>