

For the attention of young people, parents / carers, volunteers, partners with connection to Romsey Mill's Programmes, activities and facilities.

Romsey Mill's #4 Update on our response to limiting the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)

As at 17.30hrs on 9th April 2020

If you join in with Romsey Mill's activities - either as a young person, or as a parent / carer of a child or young person, or as a volunteer - we want to update you on further steps Romsey Mill are taking to help minimise the spread of COVID-19.

- Romsey Mill Centre and Ross Street Community Centre remain closed to the general public (closure was effective from 5pm on Friday 20th March 2020). These facilities will continue to be accessible for Romsey Mill staff members doing essential work that cannot be undertaken at home, key volunteers and, by prior arrangement, for those young people, children and families who Romsey Mill are helping because of their vulnerability and need for essential support.
- We are working with community groups and partner agencies helping to provide essential support for people in local neighbourhoods – please contact us if you have a need.
- We continue to provide Early Years care and education, during term-time, via Romsey Mill's Pre-School setting at Hemingford Road, to vulnerable children and children of a parent or carer working in a role which is on the UK Government's Critical Worker List.
- Most Romsey Mill staff team members are either working from home or have been placed on furlough for the month of April, with an essential staff presence at Romsey Mill Centre, to cover critical tasks.
- At this time, Romsey Mill is continuing to support young people and families, particularly those who are 'at risk' of food poverty, mental health challenges and safeguarding issues (CSE, domestic violence, abuse etc.), and is responding to challenges / crises as they arise, as well as pro-actively 'checking in' with young people and families through phone / video calls and messaging.
- For those that do experience a crisis during this time, particularly around mental health but potentially around housing etc, we will provide some extra support and potentially have one-to-one meetings, whilst strictly following social distancing guidelines, at the Romsey Mill Centre, which is continuing to function as an approved Community Hub for the distribution of essentials during the crisis.

It is our intention that Romsey Mill remains a source of support for the community through this crisis.

Social Distancing and Self-Isolation policy:

It is essential that all our young people, children & families and volunteers continue to take note of the latest self-isolation and social distancing information issued by UK.

Government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Keeping up to date with Romsey Mill's news:

As the situation with COVID-19 is a changing one, please keep up to date with Romsey Mill's plans and activities via our website <https://www.romseymill.org>, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/romseymill/>, our Instagram account https://www.instagram.com/romsey_mill, and Twitter account <https://twitter.com/romseymill> .

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