

## Social Distancing...



### COVID-19 Special Measures

The health and wellbeing of our members, staff and associates, is of paramount importance to us here at Romiley Golf Club. So too is your continued enjoyment of the game and our course.

By following Government advice, together with that from Ggolf's governing bodies, we will ensure the game can be enjoyed sensibly and safely during this continued Coronavirus outbreak.

### The Guidance

The Government, The Professional Golfers Association (PGA), Golf Club Managers Association (GCMA) and the British and International Golf Greenkeepers' Association (BIGGA) advise that it is essential that golf be enjoyed in a responsible and safe way.

The guidance is supported by all key stakeholders in the golf industry and is designed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of members, golfers and staff alike.

"We have always been aware of the wide range of mental and physical benefits that golf offers and it is now that these will really come to the fore. We understand that golf clubs will be coming under pressure but believe that with sensible precautions, many members and visitors may be able to continue to enjoy the game during these difficult times. The game can offer a level of social interaction which will be vital for certain sections of the community."

**Robert Maxfield, Chief Executive of The Professional Golfers**

### Our Approach

Romiley Golf Club is following, and will continue to follow, guidance from the Government, R&A, PGA, GCMA and BIGGA.

In line with these guidelines, we request that:

#### Before/after playing you:

- Book tee-times via your own devices (tablet, laptop, phone etc) rather than the club's computers
- Avoid the club for at least 7 days from developing any symptoms associated with COVID-19 – 14 days in the event of someone in your household developing symptoms
- Arrive at the club ready to go on the course – when re-opened please limit use of the locker rooms
- Maintain social distancing (2 metres) from others at all times when using the clubhouse, Pro Shop and House of Golf facilities
- Try to make payments using contactless methods
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds before and after your round of golf—ideally at home
- Always carry tissues and dispose of these after uses to catch a sneeze or cough

#### On the course

- Do not organise or take part-in roll-ups or shotgun start games that encourage groups to congregate in one place
- Keep at least 2 metres apart from your playing partners – don't forget on tees, and greens or walking between shots
- Do not swap cards with playing partners – please mark and sign your partner's card, we do not need a player's signature at this time
- Use one buggy per player rather than sharing
- Rakes have been removed from the course please use your feet and clubs to make good the bunker after your shot(s)
- Leave the flagstick in the hole and remove the ball with utmost care
- Only use your own equipment (including rangefinders) and pick up your own golf ball
- Avoid shaking hands before and after your round of golf

Across the course, Clubhouse, Pro Shop and locker room facilities, you will see a variety of things to encourage social distancing, hand hygiene and safe interaction for all. Our approach and guidance will change in line with Government policy so please keep abreast of the guidance provided at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

**By all doing our bit, we can keep playing and take care of our Club**