



Principal's message

Congratulations all – most of you now have completed six weeks of remote learning, or of attendance at Lockdown School. I am sure that staff, families, and pupils are really ready for a break! While this half term may not allow us to socialise and travel, there will still be time to relax; to be outdoors and exercise; to be creative; to cook and bake together; to read for pleasure, and to catch up on some movies and entertainment shows. The daylight hours are increasing and it feels as if Spring is (almost) in the air.

It looks likely that schools will be instructed to reopen fully on March 8th, but as ever, we will be prepared for that to change with limited notice. I will write to you once a date is confirmed, and as usual will share our plans and our risk assessments which we use to keep everyone safe.

Our plans will definitely include limiting to one person only to collect and drop off children, and compulsory face coverings for any adult near or around the school gates, or if entering the school site for drop off and pick up.

I'm glad that we have reported no more positive Covid cases at school since 25th January, but am also acutely aware of the number of bereavements which have affected our community of late as a direct result of this terrible pandemic. We must continue to behave safely, and look after ourselves and each other.

Staff have delivered the work packs for after half term, and will start posting the DoJo videos in time for 22nd February. I know how hard the teaching staff work to prepare and deliver remote learning, so I continue to expect that every child posts work to their portfolio on every school day while they are working from home. I hope those of you who have received your Show Must Go On nominations from teachers are wearing your badges with pride – you really are amazing.

We received 130 responses to the parent survey and 92% of you agree that Ambleside Academy's Home Learning offer is good or better.

Have a great half Term!

Best wishes

Ms Bromley



Lock Down School

Until further notice, school remains closed to all but children of critical workers and those who have already agreed places. Please check with Miss Johnson (Deputy Principal) when requesting a place: pupil places are very limited, to control the spread of the virus.

It is important that children use the allocated gates for drop off and collection, and that they are on time. This is to maintain staff and pupil safety.

Main Gate: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Bubbles

Hilcot Drive Gate: Nest, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 Bubbles (plus any siblings of pupils in these Bubbles)

Free School Meals

Paper vouchers will be delivered tomorrow for the week beginning 22.2.21. Email vouchers will come from Nottingham City Council (via Edenred) for week beginning 15.2.21. We will also deliver food parcels to those families who have requested them, tomorrow, to support you for the week ahead.



Year 5 Prizes



All Y5 pupils have received their prize for being first to fill the Rainbow Rewards token tube. Miss Johnson and her team of helpers carefully wrapped up and delivered a gift of a tennis racquet, ball and skipping rope for each child. I look forward to seeing Y5 showing their gratitude by posting photos of how you are using this equipment to keep fit at home.



Friday 12th February Staff INSET DAY

All teaching staff will be taking part in training and development on this day via Teams. There will be no DoJo feedback or videos – your teachers will be back online on 22nd February.