

Ambleside Academy Communication Statement March 12th 2020

Ambleside Academy has a culture of safeguarding and would not knowingly put pupils into situations of risk.

Our pupils have not been in contact with any person who has a confirmed case of Coronavirus.

The academy has been following government and NHS advice with regard to activities, and so during the week, pupils have attended off site visits and travelled on coaches.

The school remains open to pupils and families and will continue to follow guidelines with regard to infection control. If you are concerned about your child contracting a virus, I respect your decision to keep your child off school for a period of time. Please phone school if you have any queries or worries about attendance.

These are the precautions which we are talking in school to safeguard our pupils and help them stay healthy. This includes regular hand washing, avoidance of close contact, and instructing children and staff to cough or sneeze into sleeves not hands.

'Coughs and Sneezes into Sleeveies' *we show children how to do this*

- Hand wash on entry to school and each time children come back into class
- Hand wash before dinner
- Children use own drinking bottles only
- Children use their own pens and pencils which they keep in their trays. These will be cleaned with antibacterial wipes at the end of each day
- We avoid touching our faces

We acknowledge that some children are frightened. We talk with them about staying healthy, and about self-care. We let them know that people can get better if they get poorly and we are sensitive to questioning without scaring children who may be unaware.

Our school is thoroughly cleaned each day using products which kill germs and bacteria.