

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter is a further summary of the information which I have passed to you within the past 24 hours.

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

Children and staff have worked hard today, and taken sensible measures to help stay healthy.

We have decided not to use coaches for off-site visits until the end of term. I will update you with regards to the trips booked for the Summer Term.

We are taking precautions in school to safeguard our pupils and help them stay free from infections.

We have taught the children: **'Coughs and Sneezes into Sleeveies'**. Also:

- 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 and which are cleaned with antibacterial wipes at the end of each day
- We avoid touching our faces
- We talk with children about staying healthy, and about self-care.
- We let children know that people can get better if they get poorly to avoid alarming them
- Our school is thoroughly cleaned each day using products which kill germs and bacteria.

I was contacted this morning by the Skills Coach Company which is our regular travel provider. They said:

- The driver of the coach which some Y2 children travelled on yesterday did not go to Italy
- The vehicle had been to Italy
- The coach company have a strict cleaning regime for all vehicles returning from abroad
- Following each trip abroad, the coaches are thoroughly cleaned using a fogging machine and a product called Cryocide and vehicles are then left parked for 72 hours.
- The company follow thorough procedures and any staff who have been travelling to areas of infection are tested using kits that the company have bought in.
- No passengers or drivers, who have used this company's coaches to travel from Italy, have developed symptoms.

Ambleside Academy has been following government and NHS advice. I will continue to update you with the advice passed to us regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

I understand that the current situation is worrying, and appreciate your remaining calm. I can assure you that we will continue to do everything that we can to keep our school community safe and well.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Bromley

Principal