

Ambleside Academy: initial plan for phased re-opening

Overview for Parents

From 1st June, 2020 our school can be open to pupils from Nursery, Reception (pupils in classes 1, 2 and 3), Year 1 and Year 6. Next week we would like to know whether you will choose to send your child to school. Even if you're not sure, please email, or phone to let us know. Even if you change your mind later on, it will give us an idea of whether we are planning for 350 pupils or 30, or numbers in between! Your views will help us plan in terms of pupil numbers, staff and learning spaces.

Please know that while attendance is encouraged, the choice is always yours! We will respect your decision if you choose not to send your child(ren) to school at this time.

Key worker pupils will continue to attend as usual. They will move to an allocated base.

This document outlines some of the ways in which learning will be organised, to help inform your decision whether to send your child to school. It will be very different, and take some getting used to, but all our organisation is based on keeping staff, pupils, and families safe and healthy.

Teaching and learning

- Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children in groups of no more than 15 to a room, with one or sometimes two adults
- Social distancing is not easy for little children, but we will help them learn, and encourage them to play at safe distances
- Cleaning (tables, doors, toilets) will be throughout the day with extra vigilance around shared resources
- All classroom and corridor spaces used –with designated areas for each year group
- Windows and doors open when possible
- Nursery (6 pupils to 1 adult) pupils in Nursery, opening out onto corridor space and Library and outdoor space - Nursery play area
- Reception pupils in Classes 1, 2, and 3, 4, 5, and 6 and outdoor space (15 pupils per room)
- Y1 pupils in Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and top yard for outdoor play and learning (15 pupils per room)
- Y6 pupils in Classes 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 plus bottom yard for outdoor play and learning (10 pupils per room)
- Cleaning teams in each area all day ensuring surfaces, handles, doors and toilets are cleaned after use
- Pupil and adult toilets cleaned throughout day
- Counselling and behaviour therapy continues
- No assemblies in hall
- Y1 and Y6 pupils use own set of equipment where possible (stationery pack, own lego etc)

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- Frequent supervised handwashing for all pupils at least hourly, but always between activities, on entry and exit to learning spaces
- Pupils learning outdoors whenever possible
- Curriculum provision will focus on key skills
- Some SEN pupils supported in SEN base and shared areas

Eating

- No use of hall for lunchtime
- Lunches served between 11:30am and 1:00pm
- Lunches served in 'grab bags' and delivered to pupils in their classroom
- Classroom tables cleaned before and after being used for lunches
- Supervised hand-wash before and after eating

Outdoor play

- Playtimes staggered so maximum of 45 pupils on each playground at once
- Social distancing taught and encouraged through playground markings
- Socially distanced games taught – tennis, cricket, tackle-free football etc
- Contact games discouraged
- Designated play zones for pupil groups
- No use of Trim Trail/climbing equipment

Adults

- Staff allocated a group of children to teach and supervise – this may not be their usual teacher or TA
- No parents on school site
- Designated drop off and collection times at designated gate
- Nursery and classes 1, 2, and 3 may only use Main gate;
- Year 1 may only use Minver Crescent gate;
- Year 6 may only use Hilcot Drive gate
- Pupils must arrive and be picked up at their allocated time
- Staggered start and end to school day – drop off and collection at designated time and place

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- School office closed to parents

Uniform and resources

- Clean school uniform to be worn
- Children may bring own equipment
- Children must have own water bottle
- Children may wear their own PPE if they have it
- Children may bring own soap, hand sanitiser, lotion etc

Temporary adjustments to Behaviour Policy

- Children will need to follow new guidelines and comply with staff instruction. If they do not and this causes concerns related to social distancing and the health and safety of others, then the parent will be contact to collect their child.
- RPI (physical intervention) will not be used unless absolutely necessary within the school setting therefore children must follow the verbal directions of staff in order to keep everyone safe.

Health and Wellbeing

- Any child or adult showing symptoms of COVID 19 (high temperature or cough or breathing difficulties) will be isolated. Parents will be phoned to collect their child.
- If a child or adult who is attending the school site has a confirmed case of COVID 19, you will be informed. The school would then be closed to stop the further spread of the virus and all those who had been in contact advised to follow medical advice in regards to isolation and testing
- Classes would not be reopened until testing and public health advice confirmed that it was safe to do so, and all areas had been deep cleaned and resanitised.