

Ambleside Academy: plan for phased re-opening for Year 1 pupils

Overview for Year 1 Parents

From 15th June, 2020 we will open new bubbles for Year 1 pupils. These will be in addition to the four Y6 bubbles, which have been open since 8th June, and the Rainbow Hub (for named pupils and children of key workers) which has been open throughout.

Our plan to open for Y1 pupils is now based upon our experience of the re-introduction of pupils starting with Y6. This has worked well – school is calm, orderly, clean, and uncrowded. Pupils and adults feel safe, and our risk assessment now indicates that we can safely increase the numbers of pupils on site, in a controlled way.

This week we would like to know whether you will choose to send your Y1 child to school, starting in the week beginning 15th June, morning only. Even if you're not sure, please email, or phone to let us know. Even if you change your mind later, your initial 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.

Year 1 parents, please read these all these key points so that you can make an informed decision.

Once we have spoken with you, we will write to confirm your child's place, which bubble they are in, and timings for drop off and pick up.

Teaching and learning

- **Year 1 pupils will attend mornings only**
- **Pupils will be in bubbles of no more than ten, with two adults**
- **Desks are spaced out and children have their own equipment**
- **Pick up and drop off is from the Minver Crescent gate, with staggered timing**
- **Parents may not come on site and must say Goodbye at the gate**
- **Week beginning 15th June is for 'taster sessions' only. Your child will only attend one morning in that week. This is so that we can be sure of pupil and adult safety, with a very controlled number of children on site at any one time**
- **In the week beginning 22nd June, if all goes well, we will aim for daily attendance, mornings only, for Y1 bubbles**
- Cleaning (tables, doors, toilets) will be throughout the day with extra vigilance around shared resources
- Windows and doors open when possible
- Y1 pupils in Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and top yard for outdoor play and learning (10 pupils per room)
- Y6 pupils in Classes 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 plus bottom yard for outdoor play and learning (10 pupils per room)

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- Cleaning teams on constant duty, in each area, throughout the day ensuring surfaces, handles, doors and toilets are cleaned after use
- Pupil and adult toilets cleaned throughout day
- No assemblies in hall
- Y1 and Y6 pupils use own set of equipment where possible (stationery pack, own lego etc)
- Frequent supervised handwashing for all pupils at least hourly, but always between activities, on entry and exit to learning spaces
- Curriculum provision will focus on key skills
- Some SEN pupils are supported in SEN 'nest bubble'

Outdoor play

- Playtimes staggered so maximum of 30 pupils on each play area at once (with 4 adults supervising)
- Play is led by adults
- Socially distanced games taught – e.g. table tennis, cricket, throwing and aiming, skipping
- No sharing of equipment. Cleaning stations for play equipment on playground, and equipment cleaned after each use
- No use of Trim Trail/climbing equipment
- Social distancing is not easy for little children, but we will help them learn, and encourage them to play at safe distances, using our lovely spotty playground

Adults

- Staff are allocated a group of children to teach and supervise – this may not be their usual teacher or TA
- No parents on school site
- 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, at the allocated gate
- School office closed to parents

Uniform and resources

- Clean school uniform to be worn
- Children must have own water bottle
- Children may wear their own PPE if they have it

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- 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 re-sanitised
- We know that it is difficult for little children to socially distance from each other, or from adults. To stay safe, we will focus on hand and respiratory hygiene, so be extra vigilant around hand washing, cleaning, and 'coughs and sneezes into sleeveies' (or into clean tissues which are disposed of in lidded bins)