

Frequently Asked Questions: FAQs

Are all the children coming back on the same day?

Yes, we look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday 8th March

What are the timings of the school day?

Timings are the same as Autumn Term

Nursery 8:30 -11:30 and 12:30 to 3:30 daily

Reception 8:30am – 2.50pm (Fridays collect at 11:50am)

KS1 and KS2 Start of Day: arrive between 8:40am and 9:00am

KS1 and KS2 End of day: collect between 3:00pm and 3:15pm (Fridays collect from 12:00-12:15pm)

Which gate do I come to?

The same as for Autumn Term:

EYFS (reception and nursery) Main Gates

KS 1 and KS 2 Hilcot and Minver Gates

Are parents/carers allowed on site?

KS1 and KS2 may have one person to accompany the child or sibling group.

Reception and Nursery meet teachers at the Main Gate just like Autumn Term routine.

Do the children have to wear uniforms?

Yes. On PE days they must arrive dressed in their black PE kits.

Will there be hot dinners?

Yes. Children have a choice of hot or cold options.

Do I need to bring the laptop back that we were loaned for Lockdown?

No. We will contact you when it needs to be returned.

Do I need to bring the Y5/6 iPad back?

The children should bring their iPad to school every day to use in school, then they will bring it home again, each evening.

Is school open on Friday afternoon?

No. Children will have remote learning on Friday afternoons, and must be collected between 12:00 and 12:15pm. Only the children of critical workers may attend – please book your place with Miss Johnson.

Do the children have to have Covid tests in school?

No.

Do the teachers have to have Covid tests?

The teachers use home testing kits twice a week (this is voluntary, but most of our staff are participating).

What happens if someone tests positive?

Any pupils or staff who have had contact will be directed to isolate for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided the next day.

Do the children have to wear face coverings?

No. But if you prefer them to, they can.

Do the adults have to wear face coverings?

At drop off and collection times, all adults must wear a face covering, as this is the time when the playground is more crowded. Primary school staff are not obliged to wear face coverings in class – this is optional for them. Staff who move between bubbles will wear face coverings in corridors.

What if I am exempt from wearing a face covering?

Please talk with Ms Bromley or Ms Johnson, so we know to expect to see you without a face covering, and can avoid misunderstandings.

Will the children mix for outdoor play?

No. The children have an allocated play zone for their bubble

Will there be any swimming lessons?

As soon as the swimming baths are allowed to re-open, we will resume swimming lessons for Y5 and Y6

Will there be school trips?

No. We will arrange on-site adventurous activities for the children in the Summer Term, to ensure they receive a full curriculum.

I am worried about my child returning to school - what should I do?

Please phone school and request a call from a member of the Senior Leadership Team, so we can understand the issues and plan to support your child's safe return.

Do the children have to come to school?

Yes. The Government expectation is that all children will return to school on March 8th. Usual attendance procedures will apply.

My child is anxious about returning to school - what should I do?

Please phone and have a discussion with the class teacher. They will then speak with their Assistant Principal and we can put things in place to support their return, and help them feel more confident about returning to school.

Will the school be taking part in Red Nose Day?

Yes. We have a fun day of activities planned to support pupils' wellbeing.

Will there be after school clubs?

After school clubs will begin again in the summer term, when they can take place outside.

Will I continue to receive FSM vouchers?

No. The Edenred scheme will stop when children are receiving Free School Meals at school. We will keep you informed about the arrangements for the holidays. Please speak with Miss Boulton if you are suffering hardship – we will always try to help out if we can.

Reopening of Ambleside Academy March 8th 2021

Will the children be expected to come to school in the Easter holidays?

No. But there are lots of holiday activities on offer locally, and we will make sure you know what's on, so you can book on and plan.

I am worried that my child has fallen behind with their learning. What should I do?

The teaching staff will assess what children can do, and where there are gaps, and plan the sequences of lessons accordingly. The teaching staff are really good at helping the children make good progress, so this will be their focus, as well as ensuring the pupils' well-being.

If you have questions which are not covered here, please phone the school office and request a call back from a member of the Senior Leadership Team.