

Guidance for **AMCPS** parents and pupils to support returning to school: COVID-19

To help keep you, your child and everyone else safe, the following measures have been put into place.

You can now order meals and grab and go packed lunches as normal.

Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms.

Lunch will be provided for all children who receive 'free school meals'.

Keep your coat, bag and packed lunch under your desk.

Bring in labelled coats and shoes that you can easily do up yourselves. Grown-ups in school will not be able to help you.

Bring your own, labelled water bottle, already full with water.

Desks will be facing forwards and you need to stay at your desk at all times, unless told otherwise by a grown-up in school.

Your own pencils and resources will be given to you, and they are not to be shared with anyone else outside your age group.

Outside time is timetabled for your Year Group. You will still need to stay away from other Year Groups, when you are outside.

You may not always be taught by your class teacher.

Ensure you regularly and carefully wash your hands, for 20 seconds, following the signs. You must wash your hands whenever you are asked to do so.

Movement around the school is restricted and you must ask your grown-up before moving away from your desk.

Teachers and other adults will have their own marked off space, which you must not enter. This is to help keep them safe.

Only 1 child at a time will be allowed to go to the toilet.

Break times will be staggered throughout the day and you may be asked to stay in a specific part of the playground.

If you need to see a grown-up in school on your own, or if you are hurt, they may sometimes wear a mask and have gloves on. This is ok and it is to keep you both safe.

School may feel a little different to normal, and your grown-up in school will talk to you about this when you come back.

The rules about handwashing and social distancing are just as important as your other school rules. You must do your best to follow these rules.



Parents/Carers

- **PLEASE LIMIT THE NUMBER OF ADULTS TO ONE PER FAMILY - OR IF ESSENTIAL ONE PER CHILD. IF EVERY CHILD BRINGS 2 ADULTS WE WILL HAVE 1000+ ADULTS ON SITE AT ONE TIME AND THAT MAY CAUSE US TO RE THINK OUR PROCEDURES AND ABILITY TO REMAIN OPEN.**
- Start of the day timing is fluid so that you can find a safe space and time to deliver your child to the classroom door. Please use the 30 minutes allowed (8.20 TO 8.50am) to find a safe space. We do not want all parents arriving at the same start time (8.20) or end time (8.50).
- If the weather improves, ensure sun cream is applied **before** the children come to school.
- End of the day times will be staggered in slots. Please respect other parents, staff and children when collecting children and stay 2 metres apart.
See July letter or these details (<http://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/documents/SepOpening15Jul20.pdf>)
- Parents must **closely** supervise their own children at all times.
- Parents should arrange for only one adult to bring their child to school.
Where possible, please avoid bringing other siblings and extended family members.
- All communication should continue to be through telephone or email.
The School Office will only be open for deliveries and urgent correspondence (emergencies).
- Please talk to your children about what returning to school means for them. If you or they have any anxieties, please let us know and we will talk to them about this.
- **If your child has a temperature, new or persistent cough or any other symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19, DO NOT send them to school.**

Ready to Return Checklist:

- Check the start and end times for your child. See link above.
- Check from which exit your child should be collected.
- Discuss with your children how social distancing will vary between Year Group Bubbles and other members of the school community ***(a little like that between your family and others when you go shopping. Your distancing from family is different to that of other shoppers.)***
- Have a clearly labelled water bottle. (and lunchbox if bringing packed lunches)
- Have coats and shoes that enable them to dress themselves. Help your child practise being independent.
- Update the teacher on anything important that has changed since lockdown began or over the summer period. This can be done via email to the school
- Talk to your children about how they feel about returning to school and reassure them that, having worked really hard to open to as many children as possible last term, we have planned as precisely as possible within the guidance to keep everyone safe.