



Alameda Middle School

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Planned Wider Reopening – 3rd June for Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

Further to the letters I sent on 29th May, I wanted to contact you again to update you on some key information about the wider reopening for year 6 which will take place from Wednesday 3rd June.

Parents and carers of pupils in year 6 will have received separate communication about this, including details of groupings, start and finish times and the teachers they will be working with.

What to wear

Following feedback from parents about the frequency of washing clothes and also considering that pupils will be doing some physical activity and not changing into PE kit, we have decided to relax the uniform rules and to set a smart casual dress code. Trainers may be worn.

Booking School Lunches

For pupils in school, as I explained in Friday's letter, pupils should either bring in a packed lunch or order one in advance which will be delivered to classrooms.

As our catering provider are still operating with reduced staffing, all lunches will need to be booked in advance (by at least one day).

To book a lunch:

- Log into ParentPay in the usual way
- Click continue to clear the message that pops up under your child's name
- Select the day you would like to book for a packed lunch to be provided. For this day, choose whether you would like your child to have a ham, cheese or tuna sandwich.
- Confirm the booking(s) and complete the payment process online.

If you are having problems with the booking system, please contact Marje.Randall@ainp.co.uk

Alliance in Partnership are currently only accepting online payment.

Free school meals

Pupils attending school who are entitled to a free school meal will be contacted by telephone by one of our members of staff to organise their preference of sandwich. We will then book the lunch with AiP.

Tuck Shop and Breakfast Club

There will be no tuck shop provision at present and as explained before, breakfast and after school clubs are not running.

Video welcome messages

Mr Harley has produced a welcome back guide for year 6. It is currently being edited and will be added to the website tomorrow.

There is also a short video from me, just explaining some of the things I have included in recent letters. I appreciate that there has been a huge amount of information so hope that a video might help. Again, it will be added to the website tomorrow. We will send a link via an email.

I would like to thank you once again for your continued support. I appreciate that at the current time, some schools are opening while some remain closed. Our process is to follow the government guidelines, to use these to produce our risk assessment for Alameda, along with our Health and Safety advisor. This risk assessment is then reviewed by senior leaders and in conjunction with the health and safety advisor is updated on a daily basis. Our Governing Board are also key to the decision making process, as you will be aware from Friday's letter.

Temporary Tutors

The teacher that your child is working with for now, we will refer to as the "temporary form tutor". You will receive an email from your child's temporary form tutor introducing themselves. Your child's regular form tutor is also available and you can contact them about any longer term issues or concerns.

Here is a reminder of some key points, also in Friday's letter:

Key Safety Guidance for parents/carers:

- **Do not attend the school site if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19. If your child displays the following symptoms, they should get tested and if found to be positive, self-isolate for 7 days (14 days for a household). Pupils and their families are eligible for testing. This can be accessed 111 and online. Symptoms are:**
 - **a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)**
 - **a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)**
 - **loss of sense of taste and smell**
- School will follow the latest Government advice on implementing social distancing. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>
- If a child lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.
- If a child, young person or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, as set out in the [COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable](#), it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, in the case of children, they are able to understand and follow those instructions.
- We encourage you and the pupils to walk or cycle to school where possible. We advise you to avoid using public transport.

- If walking to school, please can only one parent/carer accompany children.
- Pupils must not bring their own stationery – we will provide a pack. It will be stored in a tray on their allocated desk. This is to minimise the amount of things brought in from home.
- Pupils will not be using their locker – they must keep what they bring to school to a minimum – just a small bag with a water bottle, a hat and sun cream.
- Mobile phones should be left at home where possible. If it is essential that pupils bring their phone, they are responsible for it and it must be kept in their pocket, bag or in the tray under their desk. We cannot be responsible for keeping it safe. Mobile phones must not be out during activities or break times for safeguarding reasons. At the present time, we cannot collect them in or provide access to lockers. We ask therefore, that parents support us by trying to remove the need to bring them into school.
- PPE and Face Masks - Government advice is for pupils NOT to wear masks or other forms of PPE in school. We ask therefore that they don't, but understand that some who are unable to avoid using public transport, may wear them on their journey and then remove them when they get to school. The guidance is as follows:
 - *Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does not apply to schools or other education settings.*
 - The guidance on the taking on and off of face coverings is provided here:
 - *Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before putting it on and after taking it off and after use. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth at all times and store used face coverings in a plastic bag until you have an opportunity to wash them.*
 - *Do not touch the front of the face covering, or the part of the face covering that has been in contact with your mouth and nose. Once removed, make sure you clean any surfaces the face covering has touched.*
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

Other Important information:

- Year 6 pupils will be in smaller groups of 9-12 pupils. This is less than the government advised 15 as a measuring exercise deemed this to be the safe maximum for our classrooms. They will be working with a teacher we will refer to as their "temporary teacher".
- Pupils will remain in their class base for most of the day. There are staggered breaks and lunchtimes, which will allow time outside in designated zones.

I must apologise once again for the volume of information sent out recently. I am happy to answer any questions you may still have, so please do not hesitate to contact us via the office email or via your child's temporary tutor.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Maxine Warner
Headteacher