

Amble First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have been able to enjoy the Christmas break in these unprecedented times and that your families remain safe and well. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to any families that have been affected by the virus. During the holidays, there has been further developments with Covid 19. The good news that a vaccine against Covid is now being rolled out across the UK is a positive step. It has also been announced that in response to the continued rise in Covid cases many parts of England, including Amble and the North East, are now part of tier four as of **Thursday 31.12.20**

Tier 4- Government guidelines

For a full list of guidelines, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>

If you live in a Tier 4 area, you must follow the rules below. This means that you cannot leave or be outside of the place you are living unless you have a reasonable excuse. You cannot meet other people indoors, including over the Christmas and New Year period, unless you live with them, or they are part of your support bubble. Outdoors, you can only meet one person from another household.

Education and childcare

You can leave home for education, registered childcare and supervised activities for children that are necessary to allow parents/carers to work, seek work, or undertake education or training. Parents can still take their children to school, and people can continue existing arrangements for contact between parents and children where they live apart.

The government has confirmed that while Secondary schools (JCSC) will reopen a week later in January with staggered intakes of pupils, (Please refer to individual schools for details) Primary Schools and First Schools will continue to open as planned. Amble First School will therefore re-open for the Spring Term on **Tuesday, January 5th**.

Drop off and pick up times

To reduce the risk of catching or spreading coronavirus, you should minimise time spent with people you do not live with, and when around other people ensure that you are two metres apart from anyone not in your household or [support bubble](#). Social distancing is essential to stop the spread of the virus, as it is more likely to spread when people are close together. An infected person can pass on the virus through talking, breathing, coughing or sneezing even if they do not have any symptoms.

When with people you do not live with, you should also avoid: physical contact; being close and face-to-face; and shouting or singing close to them. You should also avoid crowded areas with lots of people; and touching things that other people have touched.

Where you cannot stay 2 metres apart you should stay more than 1 metre apart, and take additional steps to stay safe. For example:

- [wear a face covering](#): on public transport and in many indoor spaces, you must wear a face covering by law, unless you are exempt
- go outdoors, where it is safer and there is more space
- if indoors, make sure rooms have a flow of fresh air by keeping windows and doors open

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You do not need to be socially distanced from anyone in your household, meaning the people you live with. You also do not need to be socially distanced from anyone in your [support bubble](#), if you are in one, but maintaining social distance will help reduce transmission.

Could we ask everyone to be mindful of this government advice:



We would respectfully ask all parents and carers to follow these three rules during drop off and pick up times. **If you are able to wear a face mask, could we please ask that you do so at drop off and pick up times** as a further measure to keep each other safe. Staff will also wear face masks so that you can still liaise when necessary (short messages, socially distanced, outdoors) but, again, we would encourage you to get in touch via phone or email to minimise contact.

Our risk assessment to minimise the spread of Covid in school is a working document that is continually revised to reflect new information and advice. This is on our school website. It will be updated on Monday January 4th during our staff training day.

Breakfast Club and After School club

Please note, both clubs will start up again on Monday January 11th.

I appreciate this continues to be a challenging time. Please email helen.bruce@amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk if you have any questions at this time.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bruce
Headteacher