

Frequently Asked Questions

Re-Opening Primary School

Can the BSO pick up my child at the end of the school day?

Amity is willing to work with the BSO's to allow pick up in case parents cannot collect their children at the designated times. A representative can pick up the children and will need to follow the same expectations we have for parents: only one adult should be collecting children and they need to leave the school grounds immediately after collection.

Why do Early Years have an early start?

Young children are often up early and with the limited opportunity for them to be in the shared space or outside playing and learning this means they will need time in the afternoons to play without constraints at home. It is also better logistically as the younger children will need more resources and this means a larger task sanitising all the resources in the afternoon, so we have committed more time and manpower to this task.

Why will children not be taught outside?

We have a schedule for the different outside spaces as we can only have one cohort of children in one space at a time. This means that, although we have lots of green space outside, we have to be mindful of how we get students to these spaces and how we balance the use of these facilities for all students. Teaching outside also creates challenges regarding the use of bathrooms. As the students get used to the systems and maintaining their distance from other cohorts, we will review the current schedule and how we can be more flexible with students being outdoors.

Can I bring back the books I borrowed from the library?

It would be helpful if you could wait a few days to enable everyone to get used to the new systems before we looking at how to deal with library books.

How will Amity ensure classroom ventilation?

Classrooms will have the windows open during the day. We also have a very good air filtration system within the school ensuring the air is of high quality in the building.

Why did Amity change the indoor/outdoor shoe policy?

Many of our younger children need support in completing this task and under the current circumstances, staff are not in a position to help them which could lead to frustration for children. It is also a decision based on reducing the time spent in common areas.

Does my child need to wear the school uniform?

Children should wear their school uniform as normal and bring their own snacks and lunch from home along with any eating utensils required. This is inline with the governments advice that all non-essential items from home are left at home.

Does the 14-day quarantine period still apply?

We ask that all children who have been out of the country stay at home 14 days before returning to the school building. The Dutch Government does not require this for all travel outside of the country, however, we want to ensure all possible steps are taken to protect our community. Travelling, even by car, still requires stopping at high traffic areas (petrol stations, supermarkets, etc.) and we therefore cannot risk having students in the building who recently travelled.

Is attendance mandatory?

Attendance is not measured for students to pass a grade level, any children remaining at home during this period (provided they are completing the work set) will not be penalised by the school or the government.