



**ASM** | AMERICAN  
SCHOOL  
OF MILAN

BACK TO SCHOOL  
*Plan*

Updated 2 July 2020

Save  
the  
Date

Not a  
New Normal,  
but a  
Better Normal

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**ASM is Reopening!**  
Tuesday, September 1, 2020



ASM is opening September 1st. Increasing priorities of safety  
and even *better* teaching and learning.

## Welcome to a better normal

*“We are committed to do all we can to keep  
our students and faculty safe”*

**We are excited to welcome our students back to campus, and to welcome our new families into our community when doors open on September 1, 2020.**

Re-opening in September will be different. It may be a bit messy. It will require compromise, understanding, and patience as situations evolve. ASM is committed to do all we can to keep our students and faculty safe. We are grateful to all community members for their support as we face these challenges together.

Our reopening will continue to be informed by requirements of the Italian authorities, and also by best examples from other international schools around the world. We will apply all local government regulations for hygiene, and social distancing, and aim to exceed those when practical. We note, however, that while we will do all we can, there is no way to ensure 100% safety or a 100% risk free environment. We will do our best to be as safe as possible, but to do so, we need your cooperation and support at home.



# Principles Guiding Reopening

**ASM will always be guided by its Mission, Values, and Strategic Intent**

In addition, we will be guided by the following principles:

**Respect**

**Accountability**

**Adaptability**

**Responsibility**

**Courtesy and Communication**

**Goal  
#1**

**ASM will deliver the best online  
and hybrid learning programs in Milan**

**What parents said about Spring 2020 Online Learning at ASM:**

*"I was thoroughly impressed with the communication and how you quickly organized and brought the remote learning online."*

*"I've been so proud of how ASM dealt with this COVID 19 crisis immediately, so my children have had seamless learning until now."*

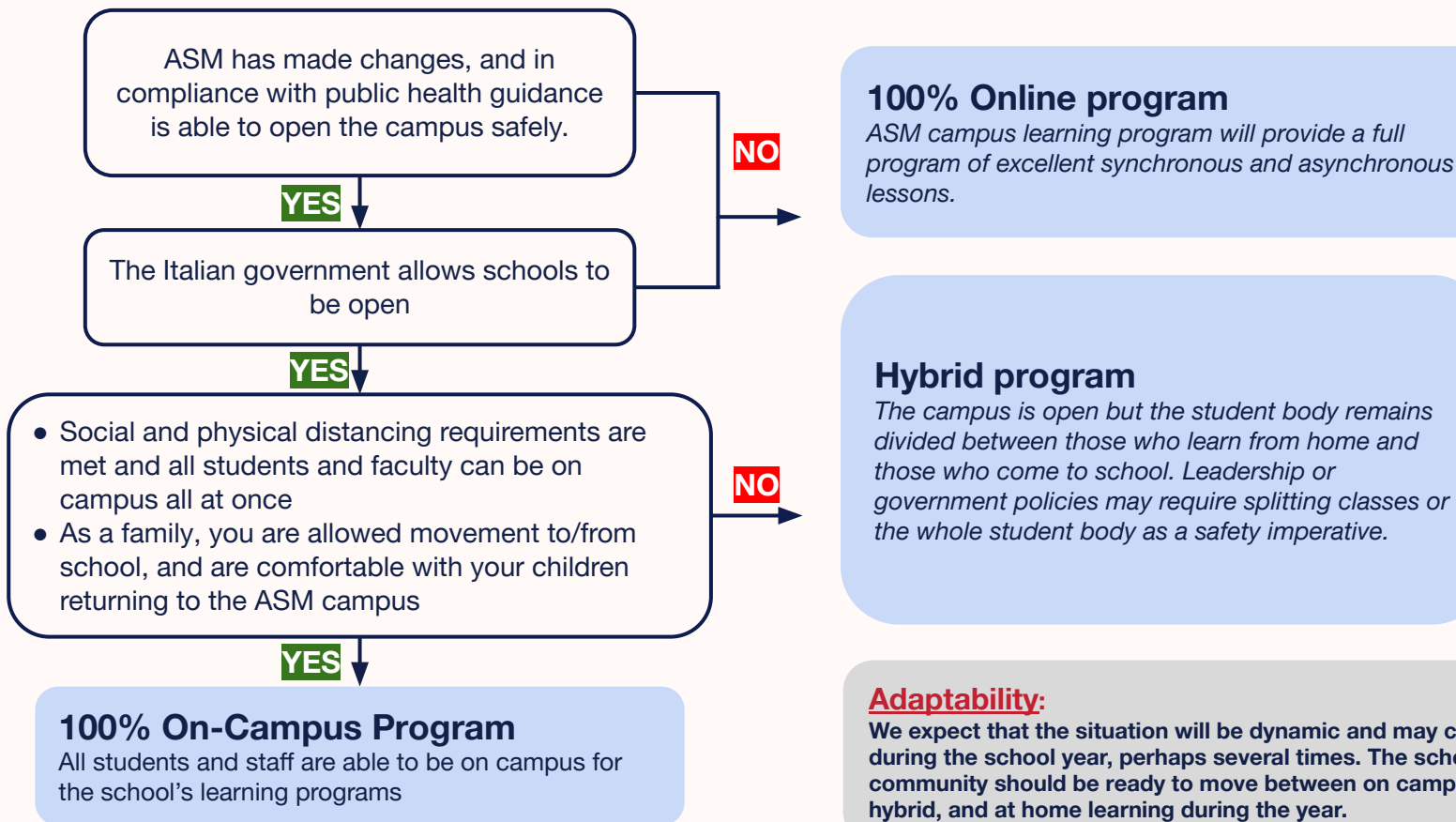
*"Thanks to the proximity of all of us working from home, I was able to see that the quality of learning was the same level as in the classroom."*

*"We greatly appreciate the efforts of the ASM in adjusting to this new situation and giving the children the stability and academic input that they require. At a time like this, we are proud to be a part of the ASM family."*

**Goal  
#2****ASM will offer  
the safest possible school environment**

- **A 9-acre campus with much space to use for learning**
- **21 new classrooms and a new Auditorium. Offering greater flexibility in ensuring social distancing requirements**
- **Increased cafeteria space, allowing for distancing or perhaps additional learning space**
- **Small class sizes; meeting social distancing requirements**
- **Other ASM Health Protocols:**
  - *ASM employs a company doctor, who provides guidance as we create the necessary protocols in line with government regulations and best practices for schools.*
  - *ASM has engaged a company with over 30 years of experience in health & safety who have worked with national and international schools. They have developed our comprehensive Covid safety program aimed at covering all the possible situations that the school may encounter when we will reopen.*

## Back on Campus...?



### Adaptability:

We expect that the situation will be dynamic and may change during the school year, perhaps several times. The school and community should be ready to move between on campus, hybrid, and at home learning during the year.



## **Back on Campus:**

*Elementary School* (Early Childhood through Grade 5)

### **Our Current Plan**

- Monday through Friday - full day onsite learning for all students
- Student numbers allow for required social distancing
- Full Specialist offerings
- Maximize the use of facilities spaces for learning and recess

### **Online or Hybrid Learning**

- One unifying online learning platform (SeeSaw)
- Specials: dedicated materials/small group rotations per class
- More rotations for recess and playground: small groups
- We will use virtual meeting places for Introductions and adjustment to the new year





## **Back on Campus:** *Middle and High School*

### **Current Plan (Grades 6-8) On Campus Learning**

- Maximize the use of our facilities in order to provide space on campus for all 6th-8th graders
- Will follow Upper School schedule, 5 classes per day
- Students may have to clean their desks when leaving classrooms

### **Current Plan (Grades 9-12) Hybrid Learning**

- Classes split alphabetically into 2 groups: *Red/Blue*
- 3 day rotation:  
Students at home follow the lessons via live-stream
- ASM adding a new Learning Management System: **Schoology**, to organize all learning in the Upper School

## ASM Safety and Hygiene Protocols



**Temperature  
Checks**



**Hand  
Washing**



**Face  
Mask**



**Social  
Distancing**



**Hand  
Sanitizers**

- ASM will follow all hygiene protocols as required by the Italian government and recommendations from CDC, WHO, and the best practices being supported by medical professionals and schools world-wide
- Where possible and practical, ASM will be exceeding those requirements
- ASM needs and depends on parent support to ensure that we are doing our best to keep the community disease free and keep our campus open for learning



## **Busing**

- ASM offers extensive school buses through a 3rd party bus service
- Over 10 routes available in and around Milan
- All buses are equipped with an ASM bus monitor to guarantee safety for all students



**ASM is excited to open its doors to students on  
September 1, 2020**

## Admissions

**Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions you will make.**

*We look forward to hearing from you, and our Admissions Team is ready to answer all of your questions and guide you through the admissions process at ASM.*

**Contact us for more information: [admissions@asmilan.org](mailto:admissions@asmilan.org)**