



We are looking forward to welcoming you back and know that together we can make it work.



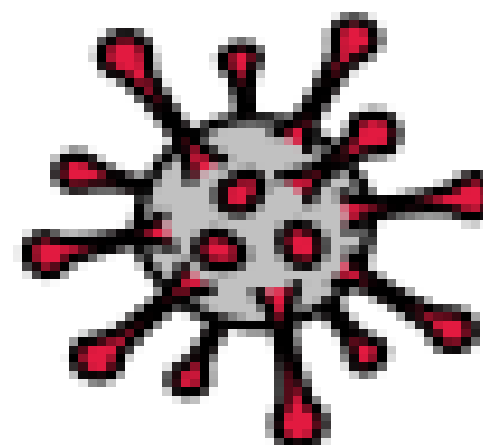
Growing & Learning Together



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Getting ready to go back to school



This booklet belongs to:

There have been big changes in our lives because of coronavirus. Schools were closed for most children and we have had to stay at home. This was so the number of people who had the virus would reduce and that would make it safer for us to do normal things again.

Now that the number of people who have the virus has reduced, schools are starting to reopen. They will open for some children in certain year groups and then slowly but surely every child will be able to go back.

But we still have to think about the virus because we don't want it to start to spread again and because of that there are a lot of things being put in place in school to make sure that we stay safe. Schools and classrooms will look different when we go back and many things will have changed.

This booklet will help you start to prepare to go back to school so that you understand some of the things that have been put in place to help keep you, your friends and all the staff in school safe so that you can enjoy being back in school with your friends and teachers.

Grown ups want you to feel safe and happy.

It's important to tell a grown up if you feel:

Sad



Worried



Scared



These are some of the people you could ask for help or reassurance:

Your parents

Your teachers

Some helpful



What I can and can't do.	Why?
I cannot get close to people who are poorly. It is hard to tell who is poorly because Coronavirus is invisible.	If they catch any germs that I have in my body they have to go to hospital or I could catch their germs.
I cannot hug or be closer than 2m of all adults in school.	The government said our teachers still need to keep a distance of 2m from children. This is to keep everyone safe.
I can play with and be close to the other children in my class but not with my friends in other classes.	This is because the government said we have to stay in our classes and not mix. This will help stop the virus spreading.
I need to wash my hands regularly & use tissues if I sneeze or cough.	Washing my hands with soap & warm water kills any germs.
I can hug and be close to my pets and people who live in my house.	This is because we live in the same house. The government said this is ok.

My school will look a bit different....

School Staff

I will be in a class with Mrs /Mr I will stay with them for the time that I am in school.

At the start of the school day...

We will all arrive at slightly different times to make sure that groups of children and parents/carers are able to arrive at school safely. This means my school day might be shorter.

I will start atam. I will need to arrive at the right entrance. My parent will bring me onto the yard and say goodbye to me. I will wait until my teacher tells me it's my turn to come in.



How things may look different....

In the corridor...

We can only walk one way down the corridor. This means we can safely walk to other areas of the school without passing other people closely. There will be blue circles on the floor with arrows to help show us the way.

In the classroom...

I will be told where to hang my coat and my teacher will wipe my water bottle when I come into the classroom. We will also wash our hands as soon as we come into school. We will sit at a desk and have all our equipment in a tray. A lot of our games and toys have been removed. This is to help us keep the classroom clean and tidy. We are not able to share our pens and pencils and equipment.



At home time...

My school day will finish atpm. I will go to theyard/gate and will wait for my parent to come and meet me. We will leave by the Gate. We must not hang around the school gates. We must head straight home.

My school day...

Timetable

I will be in school everyday. I will need to wear my school uniform and trainers. My P.E. days are I will come to school dressed in my school PE kit on these days.



Things may seem a little strange at first, but as time goes on it will feel more familiar.

Other things will be different too....

My friends

I will not be able to play with my friends in another class.



Assemblies

There won't be any assemblies with the whole school but we will still have small class assemblies.



Displays

We will have a Maths and an English display in our classroom to help with our learning and there will be posters to help keep us safe and remind us of the rules.

Handwashing

I will be expected to wash my hands regularly,



At playtime...

We will have our breaks in our class groups. We will be able to play with each other and will have to try and play games that do not involve us touching each other such as tag or chase.

We will spend longer outside playing and learning because the virus is less likely to spread outdoors.



At Lunchtime . . .

Everyone will have a school lunch unless they have a very special diet. This is to help keep everyone safe.

Some classes will eat their lunch in the classroom and some will eat in the hall. We will have to clear our own tables and put any rubbish in the bin. We can still chat quietly to each other from our tables.

