



Coming Back to School



Schools have been closed for a long time because of the Coronavirus. Children have been at home with their families.

The Coronavirus is an illness that is making people poorly.



The Coronavirus spreads when lots of people are together, which is why schools had to close.

We can't see the Coronavirus, but we've learnt lots about it. The adults know what to do to keep us safe.

Keeping safe is about us all working together. Before, that meant staying at home. We've seen that Coronavirus has stopped spreading so quickly. Now we've learnt how to keep safe, so it is time for some children to start going back to school.

This means that school will be a bit different.
School might feel different as we have been at home for a long time.



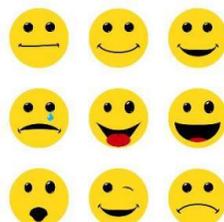
Our routine at home might have been different. We might have woken up later and learned in different ways.



We also didn't see our friends or teachers. You may have talked to people over the phone computer instead.

This means that going back to school is a change for everyone.

Change can make us feel different things.



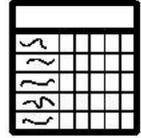
Some people might be worried and sad about coming back to school.

Some people might feel excited and happy.

Some people might feel confused.

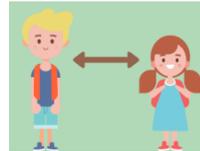
All of those feelings are ok and it's ok to feel differently from other people.

Some children will be going back to school at different times. Not all of the children will be able to come back to school at the same time. This will mean there will be more space in school.



Tables and chairs might be put in different places to give the children more space. Children might learn in different classrooms with different adults and children to normal.

The way children come into and leave school might change.

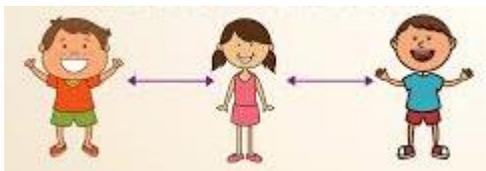


To stop lots of people being together, when coming into school children might be asked to line up with big spaces or arrive at different times. This might mean that some children will come to school a bit later and some children will go a bit home earlier.

The timings at school might also change. Break and lunch times might be different for each class. This means there will be less children on the playground.

The adults will ask the children to keep a big gap from other children. Children can still play with each other, but the games might be different. The teachers will tell the children what games are good to play.

Children will have to leave the big gap when they see other children around school too.



Everybody will need to wash their hands lots and need to keep away from people if they can.

The children will be in bubbles with the same friends and adults each day to keep them safe, a bit like a 'mini' class. They will only be allowed to play with the people in their bubble but can wave to the other bubbles on the playground.





The teachers have all been thinking about their classes while school has been closed and they are really looking forward to seeing all the children again. They will talk to you about how you are feeling, can answer your questions and are ready to help you settle back into school.

It might take a long time before everything is back to normal, but your teachers, family and friends are there to help if you need it.

If you need to talk to anybody while at school, you can speak to the adults in your bubbles. If you have any worries or questions before coming back to school your adult can ask the teachers.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon!



