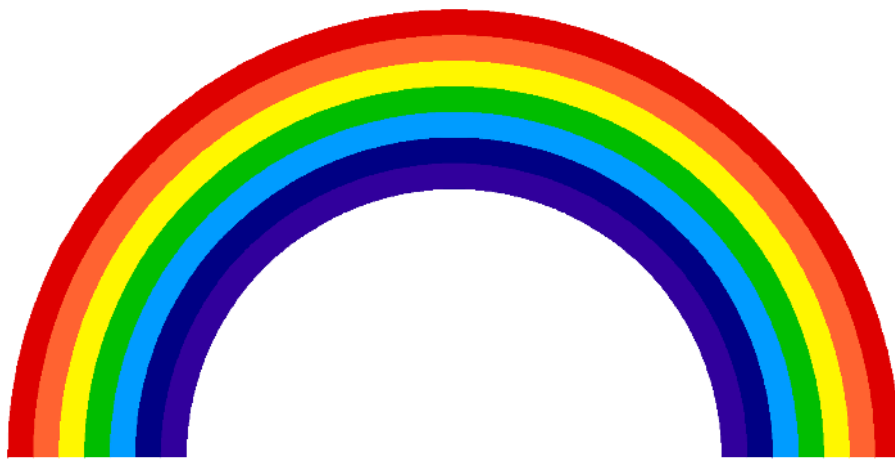




Getting ready to go back to school: Information for children and parents/carers



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, however schools are now starting to reopen.

We hope that every child will be able to come back slowly but surely as our school has been too quiet for too long!

To make sure we stay safe when we return to school, we've made a few changes to the classrooms. But these will still be the bright welcoming spaces you are used to being in.

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.



My school will look a bit different....

School Staff

I will be in bubble 5 with Miss Brack and Mrs Wigham.
Our Bubble will be in Class 3.



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 can all follow the government's guidelines and groups of children and parents are not together. I will be able to enter school between 8:45am and 9:15am

I need to arrive via the gates on the school yard and follow the one way system to the veranda door. I will be greeted by Mrs Wigham, unless I have pre-booked into breakfast club which is available to access from 8:00-8:20am.

There will be signs on the floor to show me how to maintain a safe distance from other people.

How things may look different....

My coat and bag won't be kept on the veranda anymore.

I will hang my coat on the back of my chair at my table and will keep my water bottle on my table and my packed lunch bag on the floor underneath.

There will be some tape and spots on the floor around the school to help us remember how important it is to keep socially distant.

In the classroom...

To help us be 'socially distant' a lot of our usual resources have been removed to make sure the classroom has as much space as possible.

We have our own pens and pencils in our own special packs of equipment as we are no longer able to share .



At breaktime and lunchtime...

While you have been away from school we have bought some new playground equipment and every Bubble will have their own box of playtime resources. We will have our breaks with our own bubbles. We will be able to play with each other but will have to try and play games that do not involve contact.

At home time...

My school day will finish between 2:45 and 3:15pm everyday. I will leave by the veranda door to join our parents to follow the one way system out of the school grounds. Because of social distancing we will not be able to chat on the yard.

Mass and Assemblies

At the moment we won't be able to enjoy whole school collective worship and assemblies. We will still have small class assemblies.

Handwashing

It is important to wash hands regularly we will be asked to wash our hands more regularly in school - for 20 seconds at a time, and use hand sanitizer in between washes.



Adults will be keeping our school clean throughout the day - you can help us by catching your sneezes in tissues and washing your hands regularly.

Washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water will kill any germs. We will have lots of tissues available in every bubble.

If you feel unwell or have a cough don't worry but please tell an adult .



As always the grown ups in school are here to help you to feel safe and happy.

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

Worried



Scared



Have trouble sleeping



Sad



The grown ups at school and home want to help you. If you don't feel like you can talk to those grown ups there are other sources of help:

Child line number: 0800 1111

NSPCC number: 0808 800 5000

YoungMinds website: [youngminds.org.uk](https://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/>