

Going back to school



One day in January 2020, something unusual happened and Coronavirus arrived in the world, because Coronavirus sometimes makes people ill, schools had to close and many children had to do their learning at home.

Most people were advised to keep safe and 'Stay at Home' although some people had to keep working, and their children could keep going to school. Because everyone stayed at home the Coronavirus began to go away. Now, the Scientists and Government say it is OK for some children to go back to school.

When I go back to school, I will still have lots of fun! Lots of things will be the same, but some things will be a bit different. This is because we need to keep the Coronavirus away.

We need to make some changes so we can stay safe at school and so there are some new rules in our school to help keep us all safe.

[We will wash our hands lots to make our hands really clean.](#)



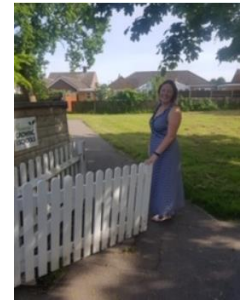
I will wash my hands:

- When I come to school.
- When I have finished playing with something and tidy it away, and before I play with something else.
- Before I eat my lunch and afterwards too.
- If I sneeze or cough.
- When I blow my nose; I will use a tissue and then throw it in the bin. Then I will wash my hands.

At the start of the day I will still be dropped off and picked up by someone from my family – this is the same as before.

But these things will be a bit different...

- Half of the children in my class will come to school on a Monday and a Tuesday and the other half will come on a Thursday and a Friday.
- My grown-up will bring me into school and wait at the wooden gate instead of the classroom door. My teacher will be there with a big smile waiting for me and will take me to my classroom where another of my teachers will be waiting to say hello to me too!



(For the grown-ups: please follow a one-way system back out and leave the school site straight away)

- At the end of the day, my adult will collect me by the wooden fence where they said goodbye to me.



I will still be a Caterpillar or a Ladybird!



My teachers will be the same grown-ups. I will be so excited to see my teachers and my friends, and they will be excited to see me! We still have to be careful how close we get to each other so we won't give our teachers and friends hugs or hold hands, but we will give each lots of huge smiles!

- My teachers have tidied up the classroom, but all the pictures on the walls are the same. They have taken some of the toys away, the ones that are hard to keep clean, but we will still have lots of our favourite toys to play with and we will play outside lots too.



- Caterpillars will have discovery time in the Caterpillars classroom and Ladybirds will have discovery time in the Ladybirds classroom. We will still be able play outside during discovery time. Because it is such a big play area, the Caterpillars will play in the sandpit half of the outdoor area and the Ladybirds will play in the mud kitchen half. Then we will swap over so I will be able to play in all my favourite outdoor areas.
- I will still tell a grown-up when I need to go to the toilet. The grown-up will check that there is no-one else in the toilet so that I can go.
- When it's lunchtime I will have packed lunch and I will eat it in my classroom, like when we went to see Tabby McTat!



Coming back to school will different but it will be fun...and that will always be the same!! 😊

See you soon, love from all your teachers

