

# 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.

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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.

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I will still be a Squirrel or a Hedgehog!



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 classrooms so that we can sit apart from each other.



- We will have new carpet spaces but the walls will be the same.
- Some of the equipment has been taken away because it is hard to clean.



- Hedgehogs and Squirrels will still have their lessons apart but now playtime and exploration time will be separate to keep us safe.
- We will try to do lots of outdoor learning, to enjoy the warm weather!

- When we need to use the toilet, we will go one at a time, so make sure you still ask the teacher.
- When it's lunchtime we will have a packed lunch and now we can eat it in the classroom...how exciting!!

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

**See you soon, love from all your teachers**

