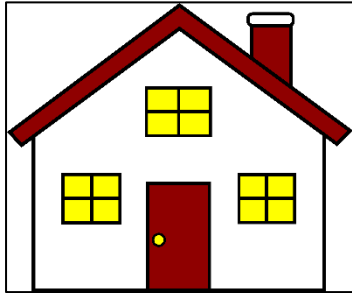


Going Back to School

A Social Story



Over the past few months, I have not been at school. I have been staying at home because of coronavirus. During this time, I have been doing my schoolwork with my parents and carers. All of my friends from school have also been staying at home. School has been shut to keep me and my friends safe from coronavirus.

Mrs Mason and my teachers have been working very hard to make my school safe for me to go back. To begin with, not every class will be going back. This is OK 👍. Some of my friends will be staying at home. This is OK 👍 too. One day, all of my friends will be back at school together with me.



My teachers and the other boys and girls will be happy to see me when I go back to school. When I go back, some things will be different. This is a good 👍 thing! This is to keep me safe. I might find the changes difficult at first but the teachers will be there to help me. Everyone finds change hard. This is OK 👍.

These are the things which will be different:



I can wear my own clothes to school. I don't need to wear my school uniform.

I will be taught in a smaller class, which might be in a different classroom. I will have my own desk. This is good 👍 because I will have lots of room and I might get to see what it's like in a different classroom!



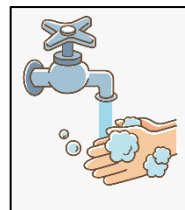
I might have a different teacher. This is good 👍 because they will still look after me, help me with my learning and keep me safe. I might be in a different room to my friends. It is good 👍 to meet new people.

I will have my own table and special tray to keep my belongings in. I must not share my belongings. Only I can use my belongings. I will also have my own special stationery in a zipped wallet. I must not share my stationery. Only I can use my stationery.



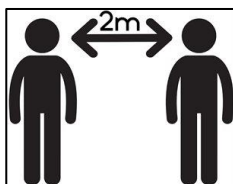
Breaktimes and lunchtimes will be at different times. I might not be able to sit and eat with my friends. This is good 👍 because I will be safe. I will have a packed lunch. I don't need to go to the hall.

My teacher will remind me to wash my hands for at least 20 seconds. I can sing 'Happy birthday' to myself if it helps me!

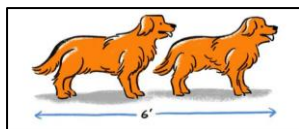


If I am going to sneeze or cough, I must do this into a tissue then put the tissue in the bin and wash my hands.

There are some things I won't be able to play on outside, and some things I won't be able to use in class. This is OK 👍 because I won't catch germs and I will be safe. My teachers will tell me where I can and can't play.



I must try to stay two metres away from my friends and teachers. I can try to imagine two large dogs between me and the other person.



Going back to school will be fun 👍. I must try to remember that the changes are to keep me safe. My teachers will be proud of me for trying to remember what I need to do to keep safe at school.

