

Coming back to school and keeping safe – a guide for students

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What you need to remember...



- School is starting again – and it will be ok for you to go to school
- Everyone will be coming back to school together
- Some things at school are the same
- Some things at school are different
- Everyone at school will look after you and help you. You can talk to the grown ups there if you are worried.





The pedestrian gate



The front door



When you arrive at school, you will see signs to remind you about social distancing.

We will still be trying to stay apart to keep ourselves safe.

What happens when we arrive?

You will come through a gate at a time your parents have been told about!



- You will need to wear your school uniform and bring your PE kit, book bag, fruit snack and water bottle. Some children will bring their packed lunch too.
- If someone brings you to school – you will need to say goodbye to them in the car park area near the gate.
- When you do this you can still give them a hug (if that is what you usually do!)
- You and the person with you will be expected to stay apart from everyone else.
- When you go through the gate you will be asked to go and wash or sanitize your hands.
- You will walk straight into your classroom where the adults will be waiting for you.



How can I make sure I feel good going into school?



- Come and visit school one day over the holiday and remind yourself of what the entrance looks like
- Plan out how the first morning will go before hand – decide on your breakfast, get your bag ready etc.
- Agree a special phrase with the person dropping you that you will say as you part e.g. See you later/ After a while or Love you lots/ Love you more
- Have a ‘magic button’ to help you stay connected – it could be you rub the palm of your hand with your thumb of the other hand, or something on what you wear that you rub to make the ‘magic’ work
- Take a few deep breaths as you get ready to come in
- Arrange with a friend that has the same start time, to meet and make the transition alongside each other



Give a wave



Thumbs up



There are lots of different ways you can greet people without getting too close!



THE HAND ON HEART

Greet like me.

Avoid handshakes, hugging or cheek kissing.

Prevent #COVID19

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Air hug



What will happen on the first day?



- You will go straight into your classroom.
- Your adults will tell you all about the day.
- You will spend the day with people in your class or your year group
- You will do some activities to get used to being back in school and to get to know your new teacher
- You will be collected at home time from the room you are working in like normal if you are in the infants. Juniors will go to a place outside to meet their parents.





The classrooms look a little bit different – there is tape to remind you and the adults not to get too close. The desks have been spaced out and put to face the front so that you will not be sitting facing anyone else.

What will we be doing?



- You will do all the usual lessons and subjects that you would expect to do in school
- Sometimes the way in which you do a lesson might be a little different than you remember
- You will get to do some activities outdoors whilst the weather is good
- It will be really important that you listen to the adults with you so that they can keep you safe when you are working in school



How will it work for lessons that are indoors ?



- Everyone will have their own seat in lessons that keeps them in a safe position in class
- You will have all your own basic equipment on your desk
- You will get given a Grimsdyke pencil case with all the things that you need to use
- You will be able to work in exercise books and your teachers will collect them in to review
- You can use other equipment – but it will be cleaned or kept separate for a while before anyone else uses it.

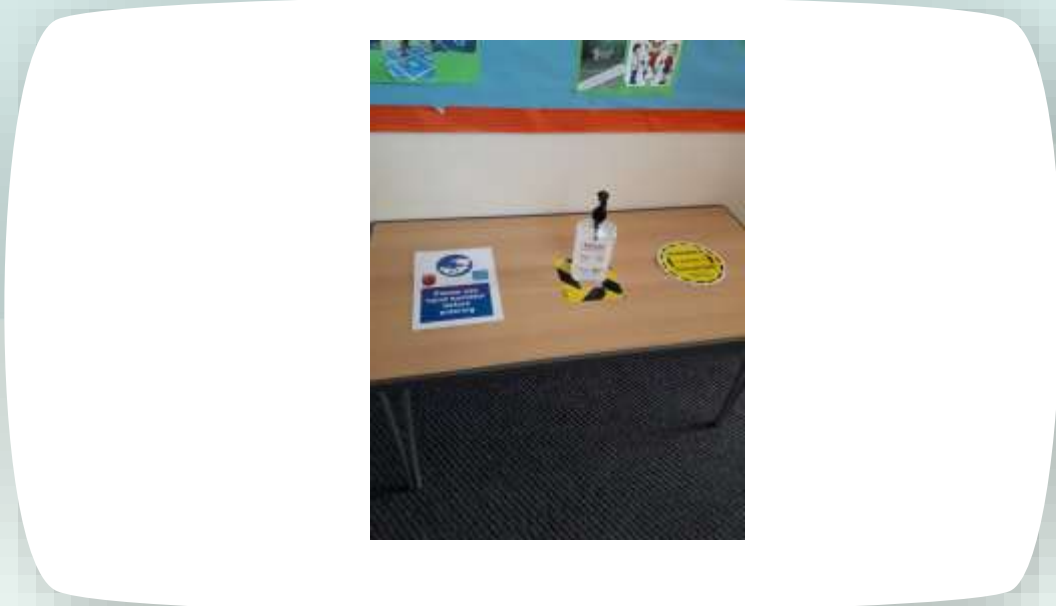


What happens at break and lunch time?



- You will be taken to an area outside for your group to be in
- You will only be able to play with people in your group
- There will be some equipment that you can use – but you must wash your hands afterwards and avoid touching your face
- There will be a timetable to use shared things like the adventure playground that allows it to be cleaned before it is your go
- Adults will be there to remind you, keep you safe and help with any problems
- Lunches will be packed lunches for everyone - that you eat outside or in your room





You will see lots of things around the school to help you keep safe.

