

# RE-OPENING SCHOOLS



**A GUIDE FOR PUPILS**



# GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

- Over the last few months you have been staying at home because of coronavirus. During this time, you have been doing your schoolwork with your parents/ carers. All of your friends from school have also been staying at home.
- Schools have been shut to keep you and your friends safe from coronavirus.
- The Government have said that Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils in England can now go back to school because the number of cases of coronavirus is falling.
- Schools have been making changes so that it is safe for children to return, so some things will be different to what you are used to.



# WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE AT SCHOOL?

When we first go back to school after lockdown, things will be a bit different for a while.



Click this link to hear the answers to some of the questions that children have been asking about going back to school.



BBC Newsround have put lots of information and videos for pupils about returning to school. Follow the link here to the article.

# WILL I BE WITH MY USUAL CLASS?

- Each class will be split into smaller groups called 'bubbles.' There will be no more than 15 children in each bubble.
- There will be 2 adults in each bubble who will teach you and support you with your work.
- You will stay in this bubble for your lessons. You will also be in this bubble for breaktimes and lunch.
- Your lunch will be brought to you in your bubble.
- You won't mix with children in other bubbles to help stop the coronavirus spreading.
- It might feel strange to be in a smaller group but you will be with some of your friends.



# WHAT WILL THE CLASSROOMS BE LIKE?

- There will be less than 15 children in each classroom.
- You might not be in your usual room.
- Desks will be spread out so you will be 2m from others.
- You will have your own equipment.
- The classrooms and the equipment will be kept thoroughly cleaned.
- This might seem strange but it is keep you safe.



# SOCIAL DISTANCING

- You will probably have heard about social distancing.
- When you go back to school, we will have set up the classroom so you are not sitting next to anyone else.
- This might feel a bit strange and that is ok.
- This is to keep everyone safe and to make it harder for the virus to spread.
- Watch this short video to see why it is important to stick to this rule.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING  
IN OPERATION HERE**



**Please maintain a distance  
of 2 metres from others**



Social distancing explained

# CAN I STILL GO OUTSIDE TO PLAY?

- You will still be able to go outside and play.
- This will be with the people in your bubble so this will be in a smaller group than you are used to.
- We will ask you to try and keep a safe distance apart.
- This might feel strange and that is ok.
- What games can you think of that you could play?



“All right,” said the Gruffalo, bursting with laughter.  
“You go ahead and I’ll follow two metres after.”

# WASHING YOUR HANDS

- One of the most important things to do is to wash your hands.
- You will need to wash your hands regularly throughout the day. Click on this short video to remind yourself how to wash your hands properly.
- Check out this experiment which shows you how handwashing can stop a virus spreading. Why not try this yourself?



Good handwashing



How handwashing fights germs



# WHAT ELSE SHOULD I EXPECT?

- We are asking that only one parent brings you and collects you from school.
- You will stay with your bubble all day.
- There won't be any assemblies or school trips this term.
- There will be a one way system in some parts of the school so we don't have too many people in the corridors at the same time.
- You might not do all the lessons you are used to and there might be more worksheets than usual.
- The teachers and support staff will still make your learning fun and will care for you and look after you.
- **We are really looking forward to welcoming you back. We have missed you.**