

# Going back to school after Lockdown



Dear Parents and Carers,

This Social Story has been written to prepare children for their return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The Social Story reminds children of the many changes that have been put in place, following guidance from the Department of Education (DfE), whilst highlighting many things that will continue to be the same or similar.

You will find a 'Going back to school workbook' which will compliment this Social Story as it allows children to share their lockdown experiences, feelings about going back to school and ask and share questions that they may have.

We hope that these booklets help reassure you, and your children, about what the return to school will look like.

If you have any questions regarding the return to school, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

We are looking forward to seeing all your friendly faces soon.

Many thanks,

Mrs Godden

You have done an amazing job staying at home.  
Because of your help, less people are poorly  
with the Coronavirus.

Well done!



Now the Government have decided that it is  
safe enough for us to return to school on the  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.



The Government have told us we must come back to school but that we need to continue following some rules.



This might be a little bit confusing but they are there to make sure everyone stays safe and well when at school.



When we return to school, we will be part of our year group 'Bubble'.



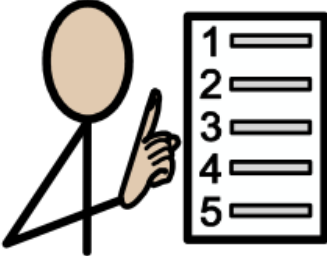
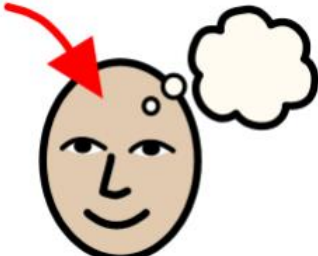


The adults from our class will continue to lead my Bubble.



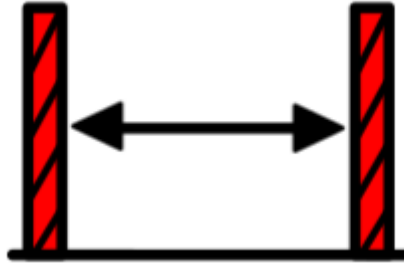
This makes me feel safe and happy.



Here are a few of the things my adults will help me with:

	
remind me of the new rules	help me learn new skills
	
look after me	help me have fun

One of rules we have to remember is that we have to keep a safe distance apart from other people. This means that the tables and chairs are more spread out.



I will also have my own 'Resource wallet' which will be filled with pens, pencils, glue and any other resources I need to help me learn.



We cannot bring in our own pencil cases or stationary.

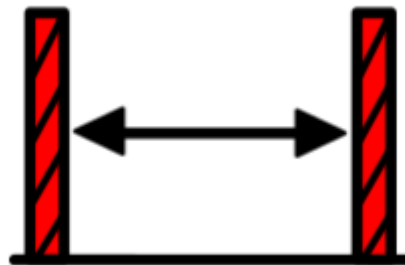
We will all eat our lunches with our Bubbles.  
My table will be cleaned before and after I eat.



We will wash our hands before and after we eat. It is important to wash our hands regularly to prevent the spread of any germs.

When it is playtime, I will go out with my Bubble. My adult will tell us where we can play.

We will not be able to play our usual games as we will still have to keep a safe distance between us.



We will be able to play with some of the playtime equipment and my adult will teach some fun, new games to play.





I will need to bring in my own water bottle every day.



This will be kept at my table all day.

I cannot bring in toys from home.



Some of my timetables may look a little bit different now.

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This is because some of the activities we used to do have had to change to help us stay safe.


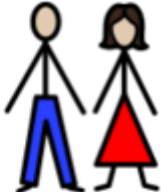



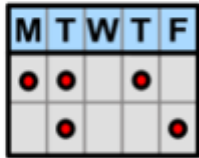


When I get to school, my adult will tell me all about my timetable so I know what the day will look like.









When I come back to school, I will have to wear my school uniform. This is important because it shows that I am part of the Joy Lane community.



There are lots of things that will be different when I come back to school but there will also be things that will stay the same or similar:

			
<p>We will still be in our classrooms and year group bubbles.</p>	<p>Most of the adults supporting us will be familiar to me. They may not be my classroom adults but they will know me.</p>	<p>There will be many familiar faces around school. My friends will all be at school too.</p>	<p>All the adults will be there to help and support me. They will know what I like and how to help me.</p>
			
<p>We will still be learning. Lessons may be a bit different but adults will try to make them as similar as they can.</p>	<p>Your timetables may look a little bit different but your adults will share these with you each day</p>	<p>Everyone will have their own table where they can work and keep their belongings.</p>	<p>All the adults will try to make school as fun and as engaging as before.</p>

You may have lots of different feelings about coming back to school and this is OK.

		
excited	happy	worried
		
sad	nervous	confused

We have made a workbook to help you share how you are feeling about coming back to school.



Remember, the adults at school are there to help and look after you.



They have missed you and are looking forward to seeing you.

