

# The re-opening of school following 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 the re-opening of 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 keeping yourself and others safe. Because of your help, less people are poorly with the Coronavirus.

Well done!



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



The Government have told us that everyone 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 everyone returns to school, we will continue to be part of a year group 'Bubble'.



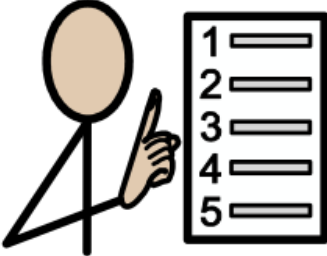
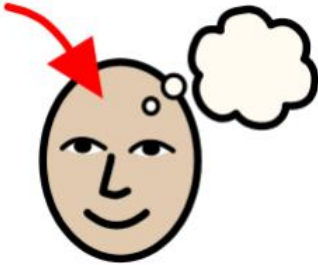


The adults from our class will continue to lead my Bubble.



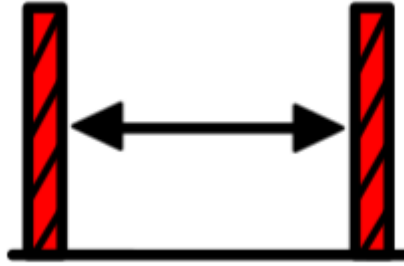
This makes me feel safe and happy.



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

	
remind me of the 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 continue to 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, we will go out as a Bubble.  
My adult will tell us where we can all play.

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 continue to bring in my own water bottle every day.



I still cannot bring in toys from home.



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


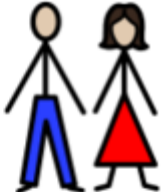



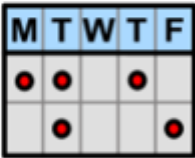


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This is because some of the activities we used to do have had to change to help us stay safe.







My adults will tell me all about my timetable so I know what the day will look like.



There are lots of things that will be different when everyone returns 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 everyone 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 this.



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



It will be good to see my friends and be back together again!

