



Going back to school after lockdown.

Please use this to support discussions about coming back to school.

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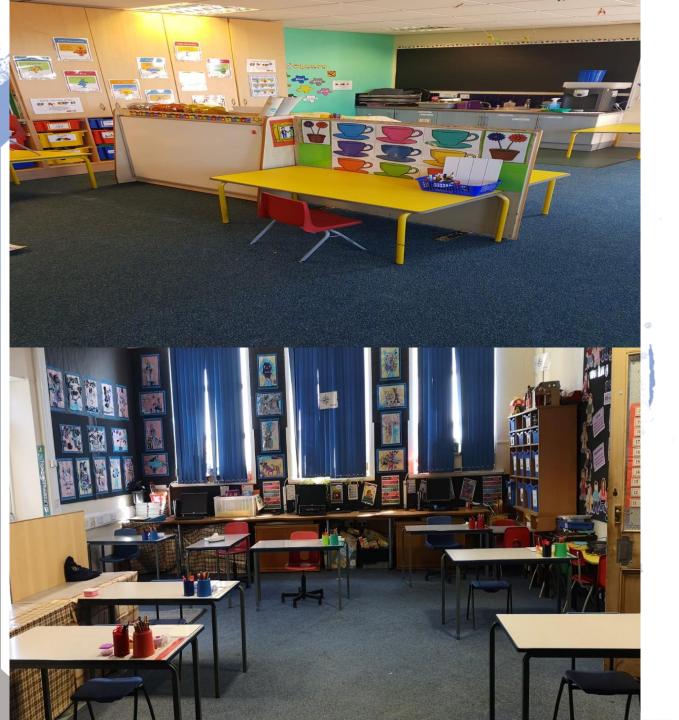
Eight weeks ago the Government (the people who run our country) told schools to close. To help keep children and adults safe from a virus called Covid - 19.



Now Reception and Year 1 children are allowed to go back to school.

This means that some children will be going back but their brothers or sisters might be staying at home.

Some things in school will be different and lots will be the same.



What is the same?

You will be with other children from your year.

You will wash your hands, with soap and warm water when you get to school, before and after play, before snack and if you sneeze or blow your nose.

You will be with some of the teachers you know.





Some things in school will be different to help us stay safe.

You will eat your lunch in your group's classroom.

You won't go to assembly in the Gym.

You will have your own desk, pencils, pens and scissors.

There will be less children in school so we can stay further apart.

You will come into school and leave school in different ways.

You will play with your group outside, not everyone will have a break at the same time.





There are special parts in the classroom for the children, teachers and for waiting for the toilet or to wash hands.

There is tape on the floor in some areas, this is to help us remember to stay further apart than we normally would. This is really important.





"All right," said the Gruffalo, bursting with laughter.

"You go ahead and I'll follow two metres after."

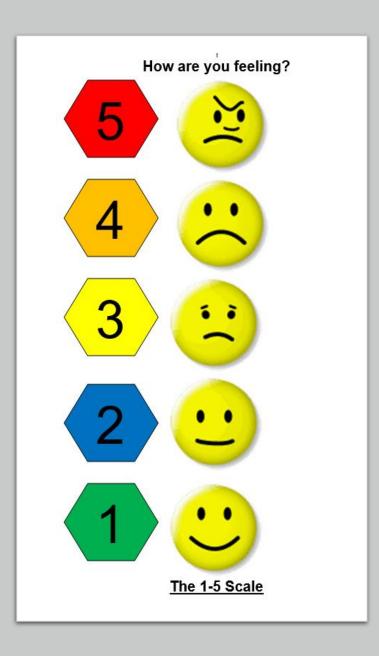
Remember we must keep our distance from other children and adults to help keep us safe.

Two metres is more than the length of a desk!





You'd better be safe, you'd better be smart. Stay on the broom, but stay well apart.



Coming back to school might make you feel excited, happy, worried or even sad.

You can always talk to your mummies, daddies and people who help look after you.

When you come to school you can always talk to the adults about how you feel.