

Returning to school



Soon some children will be coming back to school. When you come back to school things will be a bit different to begin with.



It is safe to come back to school but we need to do some things differently to help keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. Not all year groups are coming back to school at the same time, but we hope that they will come back soon.

In the morning, your adult will walk you into school through the side wooden gate. A Mount Hawke adult will come to meet you at your pod door and let you into school. It will seem a bit strange but you will be with some of your friends.



When you come into school, you might be in a different classroom. Your teacher will give you a special table and two chairs that are only for you. You will not use your peg but instead will put your belongings on one chair.



You won't be with all of your class. You will be in a small group with some children from your class, and a teacher and teaching assistant. This group will be together every day and won't change. It will be like a little family but in school.



Your normal teacher will still hear about all the things you get up to.

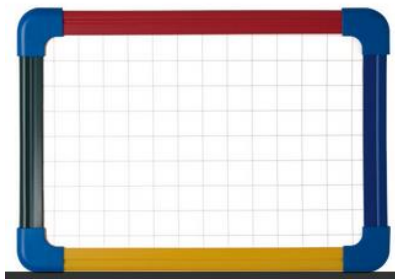
Your school family group might not be based in your normal classroom but it is just a classroom and it will be your special room. This is because we need more space in our rooms to help us stay safe.



The classrooms will look a bit different because the tables will be spaced out and, you will be sitting away from your friends. But you will still be able to see them and smile at them and talk to them. Everything you will need will be on your table so you don't need to get up and move around the room so much.



You will have your own pencil, pen, ruler, whiteboard, dry wipe pen and things like that – you won't have to share! You must respect these things and remember not to put them in your mouth.



Everybody will be having packed lunches at lunch times and you will eat in your classroom. You may have ordered one from school, or you may bring one in from home.



It would be a good idea to bring in a named water bottle too, with water in.

You will still get to go outside for playtime and lunchtime play (unless it rains) with your pod.

We are not able to use the adventure playground or climbing wall yet.



If it is dry, we will be able to play on the field.

The virus is still here so we will be washing our hands a lot more to help keep everyone safe. We will wash our hands when we come into the classroom, after going to the toilet, when we cough or sneeze and before and after eating.

Phew – what a lot of hand washing!



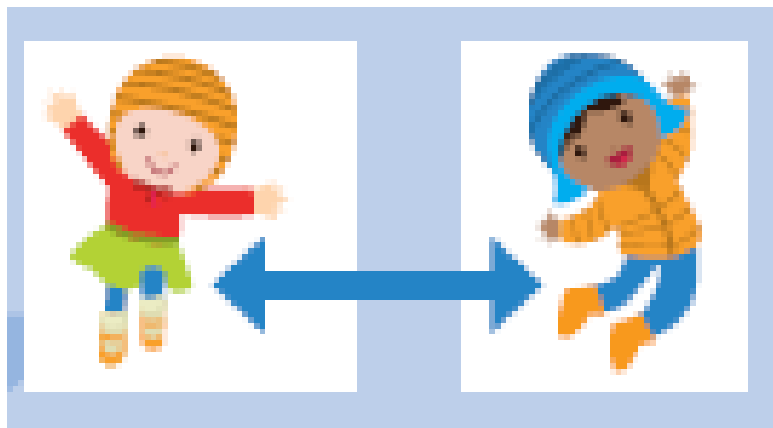
We all have coughs and sneezes and this doesn't mean we are poorly. When we cough or sneeze, we need to be respectful of others and remember to – catch our germs in a tissue and put them in the bin.

Don't forget to wash your hands!



If you feel unwell, it is important to tell a grown up so they can take care of you. If you do get sick, it doesn't mean you have COVID-19. People can get sick from all kinds of germs.

It will be lovely to be back in school and see our friends again but we must remember to try to keep a little bit away from each other. We can still be friends even if we don't touch.



It might help to think about being in a bubble and this is your safe space. We want to keep our bubbles from touching somebody else's bubble, as this will stop germs from spreading.

We know everyone is a little bit nervous about coming back to school.



Your teachers are really looking forward to seeing you and we can all help each other keep safe whilst we are learning.



School will feel a bit strange but it won't be like this forever. The rules will be up in your classroom to help you remember and follow them. If we follow the rules we can keep each other safe.

