

Returning to School

Social Story- September 2020

We are so happy that we will all be able to return to school in September. There are a few things that will be a little bit different in school, so this social story will help me get to know and understand the changes.

This will make me feel happy and not anxious.



Over the past few months, I have not been at school. I have been staying at home because of coronavirus.


During this time, I have been doing my schoolwork with my parents/carers.



Doing my schoolwork at home on Google Classrooms or my learning pack has been fun but now it is time for me to go back to school, see my friends and do my schoolwork with my teachers.

It will be great to be able to see all my friends again but we still need to stay safe from coronavirus.



- My teachers and friends will be happy  to see me back at school.

When I go back, some things will be different. This is to keep me safe. I might find the changes difficult at first but my teacher will be there to help me.

Everyone finds change hard. This is OK.

- The start and finish times of my school day may be different. My parents or carers will let me know what time I need to come to school. This is so we don't have too many people arriving at school at the same time. It is important to stick to these times to keep everyone safe.



- I might have to use a different gate to come into school so the gates don't get too busy. My parents or carers will let me know what one I should use.



Top Gate



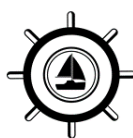
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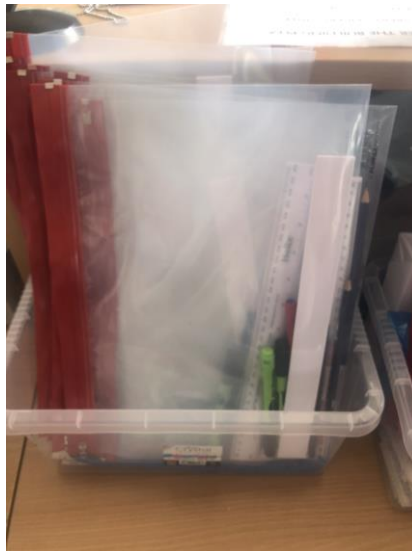
I will be taught in a class **'bubble'**. I will stay with this bubble all the time. This is so that I do not mix with lots of different children and I stay safe.



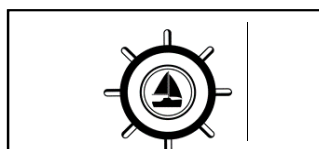
- The classrooms will look slightly different so that we can help to stop the virus spreading and keep ourselves safe. All of the tables will be in rows and we will not sit in groups facing each other.



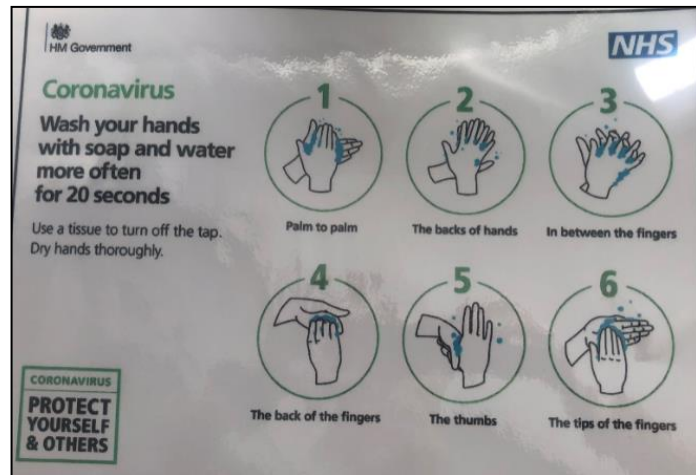
- I will have my own pack of stationery for things I will use a lot. I will be able to share other things within my classroom bubble.



- Breaktimes and lunchtimes will be at different times, my teacher will tell me when they are.
- If I have a packed lunch, I will eat in the classroom and if I have a hot school dinner, I will eat in the hall. I will still be able to play outside with my class bubble.

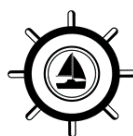


- I must keep washing my hands for at least 20 seconds.



These posters will remind me of the correct way to do this.

- I can also use hand sanitizer:

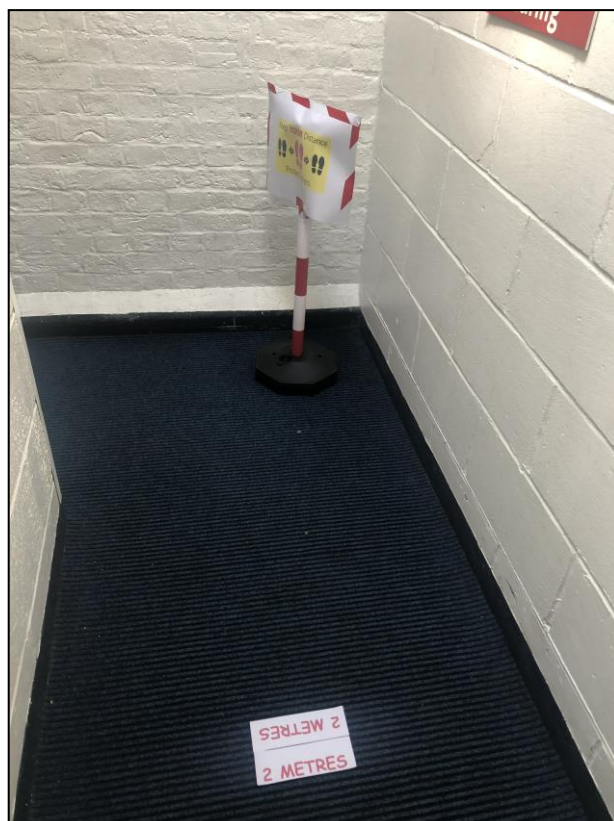
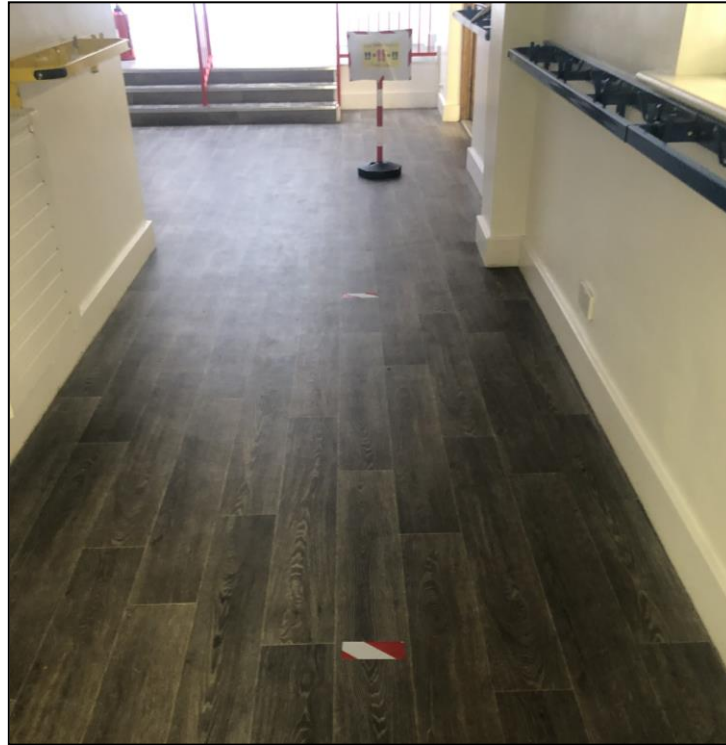


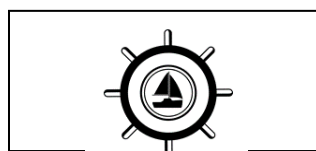
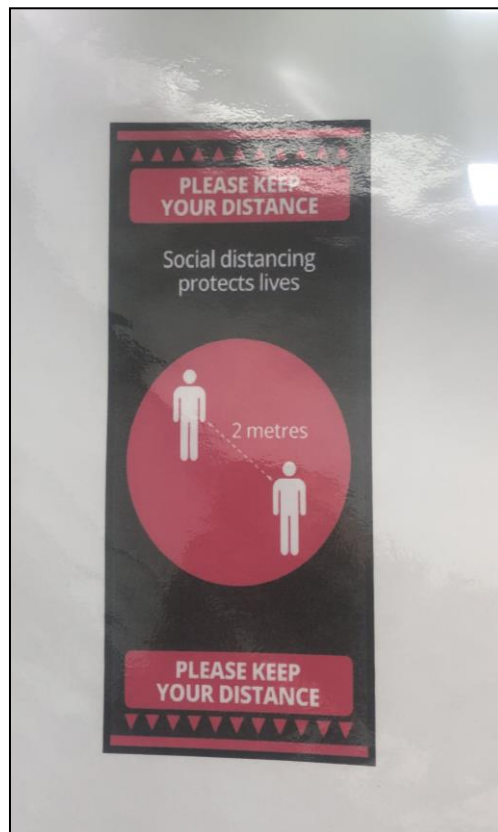
- If I am going to sneeze or cough, I must do this into a tissue then put the tissue in the pedal bin and wash my hands.

They must go in the bin that looks like this:



The signs and the markings on the floor will remind me to socially distance from other people.





Going back to school will be fun.

I must try to remember that the changes are to keep me safe. My teachers will be proud of me for trying to remember what I need to do to keep safe at school.

This will make me, my friends and my teachers happy!

