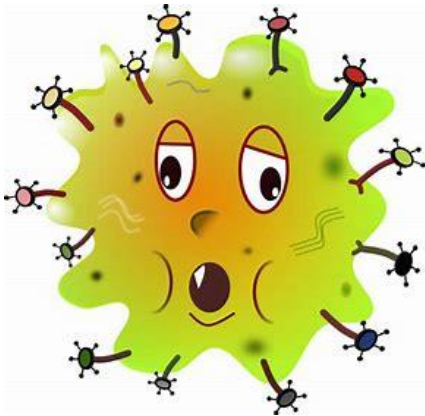




Back to school

A social story to help support the transition back to school after school closure due to coronavirus.



In March all schools had to close because of a virus called the coronavirus.

The virus spreads from one person to another.

People were asked to stay at home to stop the virus spreading and making people sick.



In June schools are opening again but only some year groups will be going back to begin with.

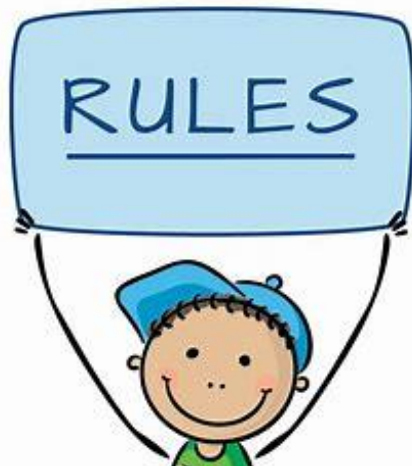
This is because the virus is not spreading as much as it was.

People have stayed at home and the world is becoming safer.



The adults at your school are working hard to make your school a safe place so we can help stop the spread of the virus.

The adults in the school will help keep you safe.



At school you will see some of your friends and teachers.

Going back to school will be different, there will be new or different rules to follow.

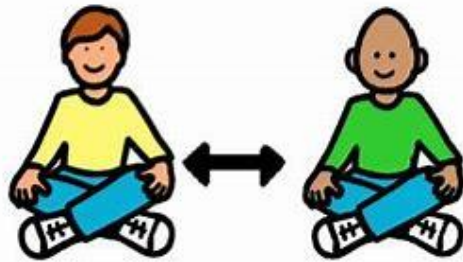
The rules will keep you and everyone at school safe.



There might be some changes in the time that you start and finish school.

You might not be at school for as long as you usually would.

This is so we can come into and leave school safely and not in crowds.



When you go back to school you will be in smaller groups with other children.

The classroom might look different and where you sit will be different too.

Tables will be set out so you will not be sitting in groups.

This is so you can give your friends some space.



Breaktimes will be different at school.

You will be in the playground with a small group of friends.

You can talk and have fun with your friends, but it is good to remember to give your friends space.

Can you think of any games you could play where you can still have space?



Lunchtime will be different at school.

You will eat your lunch in smaller groups.

The time you have your lunch might be different.

You and the other children in school might take it in turns to go for your lunch.

You might have your lunch in a different space than you did before.



Some people are still worried about the virus.

You might still hear about it on the news and the adults around you might talk about it.

It is ok to feel worried and this is a worry that most people have.

You don't need to be worried but if you are the adults in the school will help you.



These changes are not forever.
The coronavirus pandemic will end.
But for now, we have to help stop
the spread and stay safe.



Some people might wear masks

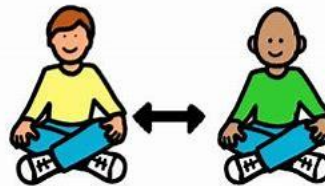


Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue then throw it in the bin

Ways to keep safe



You will have to wash your hands more than usual



You will have to give your friends some space