

Back to School!

Since the Christmas break our school has been closed once again because of coronavirus. However, we have great news! school will be open again from 8th March! We are really looking forward to seeing you all. It will be so nice for you to see your friends again and play together in the playground.



Although it is very exciting, you may also be worried about coming back to school and you might have some questions.

Is it safe in school?

Scientists have been learning more about coronavirus every day and about how to keep safe from it. Adults in school have been thinking about the advice from scientists and the Government and getting school ready for a safe return. Please have a look at the **Keeping Safe in School Rules** below. These rules are there to keep everybody safe and it is important that we all follow them.

What if I find the work tricky?

Your teachers know that you have all been working really hard at home but that it is not the same as being in school. They have planned lots of lovely lessons, activities and groups.

It is really important that you tell an adult if you are struggling.



What do I do if I feel worried or upset?

It is really important that you talk about it to an adult in school or at home. Teachers have planned activities to support all of our wellbeing. There are also lots of resources on DB Primary that may help. You will find them on the Wellbeing tab in your community pages.

Keeping safe at school rules

Social distancing

This means that we do not get too close to people that do not live in our own house, are not in our bubble or our school bubble. This helps to stop coronavirus spreading. We need to be especially mindful of this when we are arriving at school and leaving at the end of the day.



Bubbles

There are 3 bubbles:

1. Classes 1 and 2
2. Class 3
3. Classes 4 and 5



You might see other bubbles from time to time, for example in the playground, but you will not be able to play with children in different bubbles. You can give each other a big smile and a wave though!



It is going to be very exciting to see each other again!

Facemasks

You will see adults wearing facemasks in different areas of school and in the playground. This is nothing to worry about – scientists recommend adults wear face masks at certain times.

Toilets

You will only be allowed to go into the toilet when the cubicle is free. After you have been to the toilet, you must wash your hands.

Hand washing

Just like in the Autumn term, you will be asked to wash your hands lots of times during the day. You will need to do this when you have been to the toilet, at lunch and playtime, and at other times throughout the day.

Your teacher will talk to you about handwashing and there will be posters as well. You need to wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds which is about the time it takes to sing happy birthday twice!



At the start and end of the day

Every bubble will have their own door to come into school in the morning and to leave school at the end of the day.

We need to make sure that when we get to school, we do not all rush in at the same time and bump into each other. There will be signs and markings that will help us to come into school safely and keep our distance.

In the mornings, you will say goodbye to the person who drops you off in the playground and come into school. As soon as you come in you will wash your hands. Keeping your hands clean helps to make sure that you don't spread germs with your hands.



At the end of the day, your teacher will take you to the door to meet the adult that is picking you up. It is important that you remember the social distancing rules at this time and go straight to the adult - don't hang about chatting at the end of the day!

Classrooms

Adults in school have been celebrating all of the work you have been doing at home. Make sure you look at the displays on the wall to look at all the wonderful work you have been doing!



You will have some resources that are just for you. For example, pencils and books. These will be for you to use. You must not give them to somebody else or use things that belong to other people.



There will be some resources that your whole bubble is able to use, for example maths resources. Your teacher will tell you which resources you can share.

You might notice your teachers cleaning things in the classroom more often than usual.

Teachers have planned lots of lessons and activities for the return to school. It is ok to ask for help with your work - your teacher will be able to help you if you are stuck, but they might not come to close to you as they usually do. It is really important to tell your teacher if you are finding it difficult.



Lunch times

Your bubble will eat lunch together in the hall. It is important that you wash your hands before and after lunch. You must not share your lunch with anybody.



When everybody has finished eating, you will be able to play outside if the weather is good. You will need to follow the break time rules.

Break times

Each bubble will have a playground or an area of a playground to play in. It is important that you stay in the part of the playground that is for your bubble.



There may be times when there are areas of the playground that you are not allowed to play in. Your teachers will tell you where it is ok to play.



You will need to wash your hands after break.

Catch it, bin it, kill it

If you are feeling unwell you must tell an adult. They might decide to take your temperature.



If you need to cough, you must cough into a tissue (or into your elbow). If you need to sneeze or have a runny nose you must always use a tissue. You will then need to put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water. This helps to stop viruses spreading.

All of these rules are there to keep ourselves, our families and our friends safe. It might feel strange at first but we will all get used to it soon. If you are worried about any of these new rules, talk them through with an adult at home or with your teacher at school.

