When You Come Back to School

Preparing children for how things might be a little different after lockdown.



Little Bear is going back to school. He hasn't been there for a really long time.

> His teachers have told him that things may look a little bit different when he goes back to school. Here are some of the things they told him.

Welcome Back!

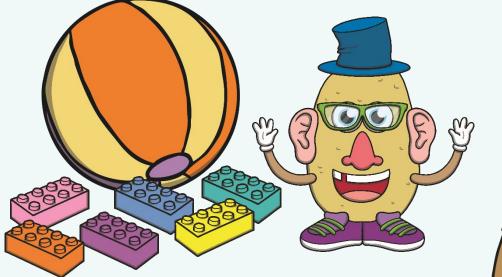
...the rooms may look a little bit different. The furniture might be in a different place and you might even be in a new room.



Lots of things are still the same – your room will still be full of love and laughter, just like it always was.

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...some of the toys may not be where they used to be.



We still have them, they have just been packed away for a little while so that we can explore other toys in our room. We'll still have lots of fun!



...we'll have to remember to wash our hands during the day.



You have become an expert at washing your hands now so we just need to keep this up! Wash, wash, wash!

...some of your friends might be in a different room and some might be at home. Lots of things are still the same – we are all still friends and we still care about each other and think about each other, even when we're not together.

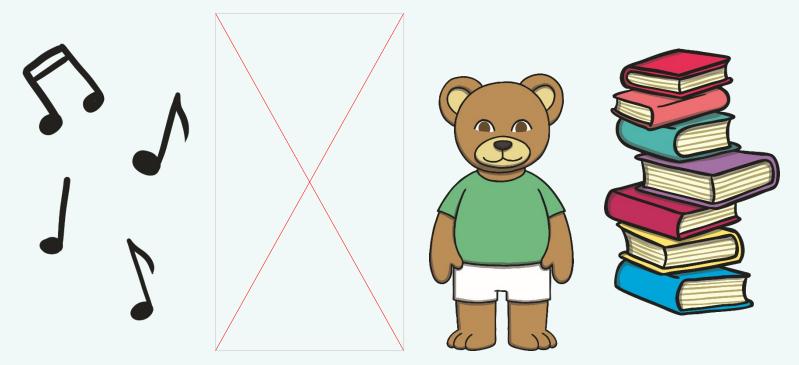


There will still be people that care about you and want to play with you.

...the school day might feel a little bit different for a while. We might not go to the hall, visit other parts of the building or play with our friends from other classes. This will just be for a while so that we can all get used to being back at school.

> For now, our room will be like our own little bubble. We can play, learn, have fun and care about each other inside our bubble.

...your teachers will be so pleased to see you. They have missed you and can't wait to play, sing songs, read stories and have fun!



You might find that you have a familiar teacher, or maybe a new teacher or grown-up is looking after you. The grown-up in your room will look after you and keep you safe, just like your family do.

...have fun! It may feel a little bit strange to begin with but school is still full of fun, love and friendship – even if it looks a little bit different.



