

# WRENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Coming back to school

### A Guide for Wrenbury Children





## Hello and back!

It's quite a while now since I've seen you. I have been thinking about you a lot since we were last all together in school, back in March. At our goodbye assembly, I told you we wouldn't be apart for ever and we would meet again soon. It has been quite a while but it's really exciting to know that time is nearly here as I've missed you and so have the teachers.

You have all done a fantastic job over the last few months staying apart from each other and helped our doctors and nurses to stop the virus spreading. There are lots of grown-ups working together to make sure we all stay as safe as possible and we need to listen to what they have to say for a while longer.

However, we are now at the point where we can welcome you all back to school, back to the teachers and teaching assistants and most importantly back with your friends.

School will be different when you return. I have worked with the Mrs Charlesworth, the teachers, Mrs Rowlands and with Mr Eaton; together we have put in place lots of things to help you. I really don't want anyone to worry about what school will be like before we come back so I have made this little booklet to help you to see and understand some of the changes. I'm sure that by reading this booklet, when you come back and see the changes for real, they won't feel so strange or different.

As you read on, you will find information and pictures telling you what it will be like being back at school. Please don't worry; we will be here in school to help you get used to being back and helping you with the changes. If you do have a worry, please tell a grown-up. I have asked a grown up in your family to read this booklet with you as much as they can; sharing the pictures with you and talking to you about what school will look like.

Even though you will learn about quite a few changes in this booklet and find some things are very different, there is one thing that hasn't changed at school; that is how much we all care for you. You are very special and we want to ensure that you are happy being back in school and understand why we have had to make the changes. The teachers will give you lots of smiles of encouragement and will help you so there is no need to worry.

We are all very excited and looking forward to seeing you again,  
Mrs Cador x

## What is Coronavirus?

Coronavirus is an illness that affects people's breathing and their lungs. It is an illness that can be passed on very easily. It can spread by people coughing, sneezing and touching surfaces like tables and chairs, cupboards and toys.

Children who get Coronavirus will usually only get a little ill, like having a cold. Lots of children don't get it at all. The same goes for most mums and dads. If they do get it, their illness might be like having a bad cold.

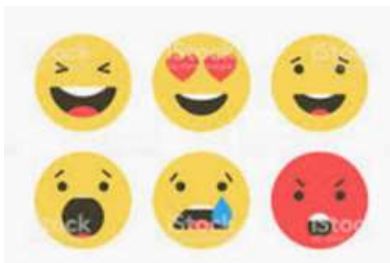
But there are some people who are more at risk of getting the illness and the virus can make them very poorly. That is why you may not have been able to see some of your family and friends for a while and come to school. We have all had to work together to keep everyone safe because 'we all matter'. We must do everything we can to protect everyone around us, not just in our families but also in school and in our communities.



There have been big changes in our lives because of Coronavirus; places we enjoyed visiting, shops and schools closed and we had to stay at home. Now lots of places including schools are allowed to be open and we are able to do a lot more things.

Coronavirus has probably made your life feel very different for quite a while now. All these changes may have made you feel worried or scared. Lots of children and grown-ups will have felt like this; they may still do. We all feel worried or scared about somethings sometimes – it's ok.

When you are back in school we will be doing lots of things to help you with all these feelings.



We're going to look and talk a lot about the **Colour Monster**. You may remember him. He changes colour when he feels a different feeling or emotion. He's going to help you talk about your feelings with your teacher and friends in school.

## How we will keep you safe in school?

### Keeping everything clean

There will be lots of cleaning going on during the day when you are in school. You'll see teachers and teaching assistants, Mrs Cador, as well as the middays with cloths and soapy water cleaning the tables and chairs, the door handles and the things you use to learn like your Numicom and other learning resources.

You will be asked to wash or sanitise your hands lots of time during the school day.

Our sanitisers look like this and each class has one in their classroom.



Can you practice **washing your hands** at home with soap and water?

You can sing 'Happy Birthday' twice or count to 20 slowly, while you are washing them, that way you will know that you have cleaned them enough and will make sure your hands (and wrists) are really clean.



If you cough – remember you need to **cough into your elbow**, like this...  
You could practice this too!

If you sneeze or blow your nose, you need to use a tissue.

You will need to put your tissue straight into the bin. We need to remember...

**'Catch it, kill it, bin it!'**



## Class bubbles

You will be in a new class when you come back which is very exciting – it will be a class ‘bubble’.

You will do everything with your class bubble.



We need to make sure your class bubble doesn't pop so **you will have your lessons, eat your lunch and have your playtimes just with your bubble.** For a little while they will be your special school family.



Your class teacher and teaching assistant will look after you just like your mum or dad do at home.

In your bubble, you will have lots of things that only you use. When some resources are shared in a lesson, they will be washed afterwards. This will happen in every class.

You will have **your own pencil case or pencil pot** which you will need to look after. Inside it there will be all the things you need to write, draw, colour, cut and glue – they will be **just for you.**



It is very important that you do lots of **good listening** when you come back to school. There are lots of things the teachers will need to tell you and teach you about the new ways we have to do things in school. You will need to listen very carefully so you know what to do. Then, we'll be able to get back to what we all love in school ... learning!

## Classrooms

Little Wrens will be similar to how it was as the children need to do lots of lots of their learning through play. If you are in another class, your classrooms will look a little different. You won't be sitting around a table as you may have. The tables and chairs will be facing the front of class. The teachers have chosen different ways to set out the tables and chairs depending on how big your classroom is and how many of you are in your class. There are some things we have taken away from the classrooms like the rugs and cushions but your teachers have still made your classrooms lovely learning spaces.



Little Wrens



EYFS outdoors



Base 2 Miss McKinnon



Base 1 Mrs Dopierala



Base 4 Mrs Charlesworth



Base 3 Mr Lindop

Some of the teachers will be finishing getting the rooms ready next week so that when you come in you'll feel really 'at home' in your new classroom.



Base 5 Miss Phillips

## Moving around school

When you come back, you won't be able to walk everywhere in the school.

You will be in your classroom, walk to your toilets and you will have your own class play area outside – this will be some of the yard and some of the field.

You will see signs like this...



Outside we have painted white spots on the paths leading from the MUGA and carpark (where you will come into school) and around the school.



There are signs around the playgrounds and along the school paths, too. These are to help mum and dad and you to keep a safe space between you and other people when you are coming to school and leaving school on our one way system.

## Toilets

Each class will have a toilet area to go to. We have made all our toilets 'unisex' toilets – that means that boys and girls can use the same toilets – just like at home. We will have girls or boys using the same toilets at different times. Your teacher may say 'boys first' or 'girls first'.

You will **only be able to go around the school with your teacher or teaching assistant and the rest of the children in your class bubble.**

Inside the school, you will stay in your classroom or just go to the toilet. We won't be meeting everyone in the hall for assembly or lunch and we won't be asking you to take the register to



At playtimes, you will have some of the grassed areas and some of the yard areas to play on. You'll see coloured bunting like this. This will separate each of the play areas and the outdoor learning spaces for each class bubble. There will still be lots of space to play.

You will not be able to go into another bubble's play area as **we can't pop our bubbles.**

## Lunches

Mrs Warner will still provide a lunch if you have one of her lunches. If you are Little Wrens, or in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, you can still pay £2.40 for a lunch.

Lunches will be a pack-up picnic lunch only, with a choice of cold or hot filled sandwiches/baguettes/rolls.



Mrs Warner will bring the pack up picnic lunches to the classroom. You will not go the hall for lunch.

You can bring your own lunch. It must be packed in things that can be thrown away and stored in a paper or plastic bag that can also be thrown away. You will keep your lunch under your own table/work station.



On sunny days you will be able to go outside with your class and have a picnic.



If it is a cold or wet day you will eat your lunch in the classroom at your work station/table.

While you eat your lunch, your teacher or teaching assistant will read lovely picture books and stories and have chats with you, just like having a well-being lunch club.

You must bring a **water bottle** (with your name on it) when you come back to school. During the day it will be kept at your table /workstation. Water bottles are to have water only – it is good for you and also doesn't cause lots of mess if it spills, which fruit drinks do. You will take your water bottle home **every day, to clean it and refill it with fresh water ready for school.**

**Face Masks**



Sometimes in school you may see a grown-up wearing a face mask. You may have seen adults wearing them if you have been to the shops or supermarket.

The adults in school may need to wear one because you or someone in your class is poorly or have fallen over and got hurt.

Please don't be frightened – the grown-up just wants to keep you safe.

This is Mrs Charlesworth wearing her face mask.



Here she is without her face mask.



Underneath the face mask, Mrs Charlesworth was still smiling. Your teacher will be smiling, too!



I hope that reading this booklet with mum or dad will help you see and understand some of the changes that we have made to keep you safe. I am also sending you a Colour Monster and a 'While I was a home' activity to do with mum or dad. Don't rush doing them as they are to help you think about the time you have not been in school, your feelings and any worries you may have so we can help you when you are back in school. Please bring the sheets with you on your first day back. Make sure your name is on them!

I am so excited that we are all going to be back together. It isn't long now!

Mrs Cador x