



# A Plan for Returning to School

## Pygmy Class



Back in March, Goat Lees Primary School had to make some changes.  
Everyone in the whole world had to make changes too.



You have been a superhero for staying home, following the rules and keeping safe!

Some of the rules have been tricky to follow and may mean that you are missing some of your friends and family. We have all had moments of feeling sad, even the grown-ups.

Most of you have not been in school since then and we have missed you very much.





The people who run this country have made a new plan about the things we need to do to keep everyone safe.  
Everyone has to follow this new plan.

You might have noticed that more adults are going back to work and we can now exercise as much as we want and meet up with up to 6 people. Some shops have opened, and they have also decided that we can invite some children back to school.

You have been chosen to return to school and we cannot wait to welcome you back! You might feel happy or excited about that – or you may feel worried or even a little bit cross.

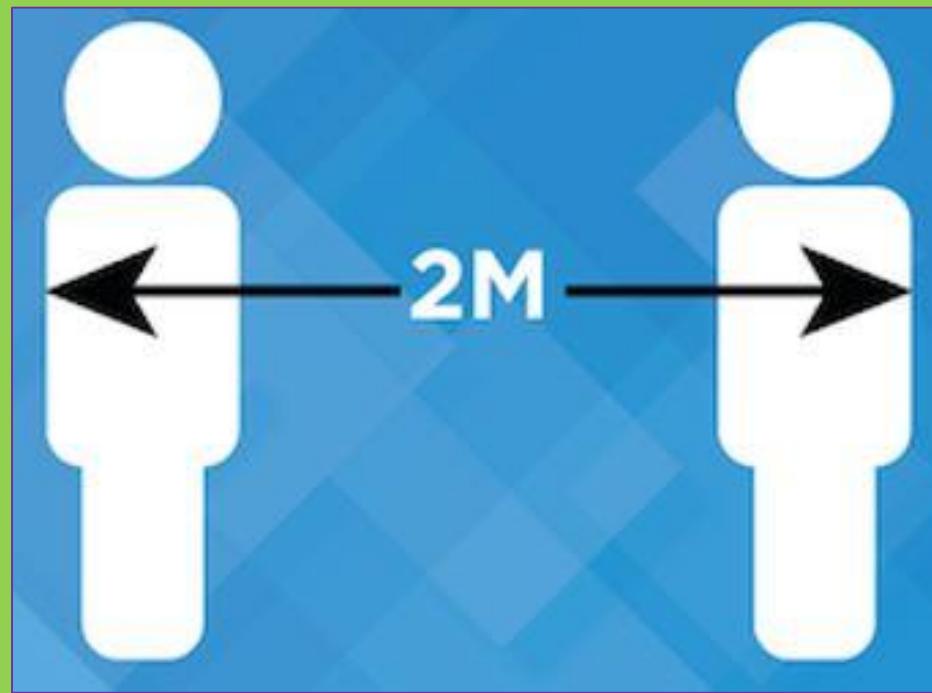
You may even feel all those emotions at the same time or something else. Whatever you feel, that is OK.



When you come back to school, it will look and feel quite different. This is because we have had to make some changes to keep our school family as safe as we can be.



When you go back to school, you will need to keep a distance of 2 metres from your friends and the adults. That is about the same as 3 big steps. This may be tricky at first, and you may forget at times, but the adults will help you to do it.





You will need to wear school uniform, but without your tie. You can wear trainers that you can do up by yourself, as you will not get changed for PE. You can also wear your PE kit.

You need to bring in a coat with you, and your packed lunch if you are having one. Where possible, you will need to leave other belongings and your school bag at home.

Before going into school, you will wait at the front gate with your adult. You will need to stay 2 metres from other families waiting. There will be markers on the ground to help you to do this.



You will be able to have one adult waiting with you when you come to school.



When the gate opens, you will say goodbye to your adult, and follow the markers to walk around by yourself to the playground towards the Y5 and 6 classroom entrances.



Here, you will line up 2 metres apart, using the spots on the floor. There will be adults from school to help you do this.

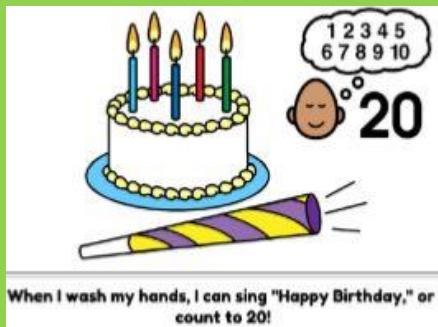
Your teacher or teaching assistant will then call you into the classroom one at a time.

At the end of the day, you will line up outside your classroom with the help of your teacher and teaching assistant. Your adult will come into the playground, and your teacher will tell you when you can go to them. If you walk home, your teacher will tell you when you can go.



Before you enter your classroom, you will use the hand sanitiser and an adult will take your temperature to make sure you are well.

You will then go into your classroom and wash your hands. An adult will help show you where to do this. This is to get rid of any germs that may be on your hands before you start the school day.



You will wash your hands lots during your time at school. An adult will remind you when to do this and will help you to do it properly.



You will be spending your school day in a small group of up to 15 children from your year group. This is called a bubble. You will have 2 grown-ups in your bubble. These may be your usual teachers or it will be another teacher you know from our school. Your bubble may be in your usual classroom, or a different one.

Your bubble will stay together all day and not mix with other bubble – your friends may be in a different bubble to you. You may start and finish your school day at different times to the other bubbles. Your break times may be different too and your bubble will have its own zone in the playground. You will also eat your lunch in your class bubble.

You will still have the same lessons, like English, Maths, Art, Science and PE. There will be lots of time for outdoor activities too, if the weather is nice.

Your classroom will look a little different when you come back.

The tables are spread out so that we can keep a distance from each other, so that we can be as safe as we can be.



You will sit in the same place each day, and have a pack of equipment that is just for you to use.



You will eat your lunch in the hall with the other children from your bubble. An adult will help you to keep your distance from other children when you queue. There will be less children sat at each bench when you eat. This is so that you can stay 2 metres away from each other.



Some of the sports equipment will be packed away. Only equipment that can be cleaned easily will be left out for you to play with. The outside climbing frame and trim trails have been taped off because we can't keep our distance from others when we play on them. The adults will help you to choose the right equipment to use.





When you travel around the school, you will need to keep your distance from other children and adults. An adult will help remind you to do this. The corridors in school look a bit different, but this is to help us to do this and stay as safe as we can be.





The water fountains have signs on telling you not to drink from them, but you can fill up your bottles or cups.

You will need to bring your water bottle in at the beginning of the week you are back.

If you need to go into a classroom where another bubble of children are working, you should knock on the door and wait. There adults and signs will help you remember to do this.





If you need to visit First Aid, the adult helping you will be wearing something called PPE or Personal Protective Equipment. They will be wearing this so they can safely get close to you and help you. They might look a bit funny!

Mrs de Roeck is wearing a face visor in the picture.

Fridays will be **Hoodie Fridays** for Pygmy! This means you will be able to wear your brand new hoodies, as modelled by Mrs de Roeck below. You will be given these when you return to us next week.



These changes may seem a bit strange, but just remember they are all to keep us as safe as can be. Lots of things are still the same too!

If you have any worries or you need some help, the grown-ups will still be here for you to talk to.



We are so proud of you all and we hope you are proud of yourselves too!