

Welcome Back my Zebras!



Dear Zebras;

I can't wait to welcome you back to school next week or the week after. It has been so long since we've been together I just wanted to send you a special letter to answer any questions you might have about coming back. Don't worry if you are a little worried or unsure about what it will be like. We will be there together and Miss Augustine and I will help you to make it fun and as normal as possible.

What shall I bring to school?

- a water bottle every day is very important – and you will take this home with you every day for washing.
- also remember sun hat/ sun cream and coat depending on the weather.

Please do NOT bring anything you don't need. There is no need for large bags or your reading books – we will pick one at school.

Wear your normal school uniform please. Fingers crossed it still fits! 😊

PE - We will have PE on Tuesday and Friday – so wear PE kit on those day – Mr K will be with you for this.

Does the classroom look different?

You will see some changes to the classroom. We have moved things around just a bit to ensure that there is a good space around each of the tables. The tables are in rows and you will each have your very own special table! Each person has their own pen pot, which we have stocked up to make sure you have everything you need. You will have your tray next to you, which you can use for storage. When you go out for breaks, you will be asked to put your tray, pen pot and water bottle on the spare chair next to you so that we can clean the table and chairs. If we are doing art for example, you will be allowed to use the painting equipment. We will make sure we have clean hands and can use the wipes before and after use.



Will we have any new routines?

Yes, we need to have some new routines. You will be given a specific time to arrive at school. I understand that several of you may arrive on the bus. We won't play on the playground before school, instead we will line up outside our classroom. We have placed some footprints on the wall at 2m intervals to make this easier for us, as you can see in these photos. One at a time you can come into the cloakroom, put anything on your peg, go into the classroom and wash your hands. Then the next person can come in. It might take us a few minutes, but I know you'll manage it just fine. We will repeat this routine every time we come inside from being outside during the day.

There will be a few things we'll be asking you to do to keep you safe.



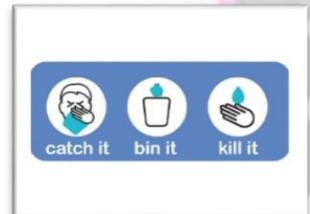
So when you come back, we'll be asking you to wash your hands lots and lots but you were used to doing that before our school closed.



Staying 3 or 4 big steps away from your friends is important at the moment. This doesn't mean you can't play with them, you've just got to do it at a distance – but that's OK because you still get to see them.



Remember to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve if you sneeze. Then bin the tissue and wash your hands for 20 seconds.



The idea is that children who are in school stay in 'bubbles'. You will spend your time in the classroom, on the field or playground and that is all.

What will happen at playtimes?

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us, so we can get out onto the field as much as possible. You will need to remember social distancing when you are playing, which I think is going to be one of the trickiest things! We have organised a box of sports equipment (just for our bubble to use), which we hope will encourage you to play whilst keeping your distance- things like skipping ropes, hockey sticks and hoops. We will make sure we wash our hands before we go out and as soon as we come in and the equipment will all be cleaned thoroughly each day.

Will lunchtimes be the same?

We are hoping that as much as possible we will be able to picnic outside. If you have school dinners, Caterlink are supplying grab bag packed lunches only, no hot dinners. If it is wet, we will eat in the classroom.

Can we bring our home learning to show?

I would love to see anything you have been working on/made. So feel free to bring in to share on the first day. I'd also love to see your exercise book if you've been using that for your work.

What about the children who don't come back to school?

There's no doubting we will miss them! They will have some home learning to do, but you will still get to see them as we will do our Zoom call in the classroom so we can all learn together.

I hope this has answered some of your questions. I imagine some of you may be feeling anxious about coming back to school after what has been a quite extraordinary time. Your parents will have worries, we have worries and I imagine you do too! Your main responsibility is just to be mindful and calm. You are all wonderful, sensible children. We have a few different things to do but **WE WILL DO THEM TOGETHER!**

I'm so excited to see you again and I hope that you are too – this will be a fun time with a great opportunity to do some learning together and share what you have all been up to while we have been apart.

Lots of love,

Mrs Morgan 