



**SHIRLEY INFANT SCHOOL**

# WELCOME BACK

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Hello children,

I hope you have been okay since I last saw you. Schools have been closed for a long time because of the Coronavirus. Children have been at home with their families. The Coronavirus spreads when lots of people are together, which is why schools had to close. We can't see the Coronavirus, but we've learnt lots about it. The adults know what to do to help keep us safe. Now we've learnt how to keep safe, it is time for some children to start going back to school.

I'm really pleased you are coming back to school in September. This booklet is going to tell you about how school will work. It will feel a bit different to normal, but that's okay, because we will get used to the changes together.

It just means that, for now, we need to spread our wings a little more like butterflies!

I'm really looking forward to seeing you soon,

Mrs Gregory





# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE AT SCHOOL?

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You will arrive at the same time as the children in your class. Not every class will arrive at the same time. This is so that we can all socially distance so we can keep safe.

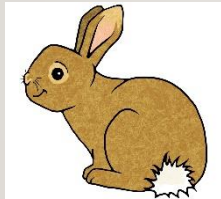
One of the adults you live with will bring you to school and collect you from school. They will not come into the building so that only children and school staff are in the building. Your adult will say a quick goodbye and then leave the school grounds because the next set of children will be arriving soon after your class. You will come in the main gate one at a time where Mrs Gregory or Mrs Watts will greet you. You will get some hand gel when you get to your classroom.

This will feel a bit funny, but at least we will all have plenty of space around us. We can say hello with a virtual high five!



# OUR CLASSROOM

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Your classroom might look a bit different to normal. This is because we have to try and keep our distance as much as possible.

You are going to have your own special seat and desk space. You will also have your own special basket with pens, pencils, and other things that are just for you. We are not going to share anything from our special baskets with other children.

You will keep your special basket and your water bottle on your table. You will have lots of space to yourself.

# NEW THINGS TO LEARN

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When you arrive in school on the first day we won't be doing much work. Instead we will be learning about how we move around the school, which toilets we are going to use and how to keep our hands and our things clean. We will learn these new rules together and have circle time to help us understand these new things.

We will look at where we will go out to play and think about some fun things we might do in the following days. We'll also make sure we get plenty of exercise and fresh air.

Going back to school is a change for everyone. Change can make us feel different things. Some people might be worried and sad about coming back to school. Some people might feel excited and happy. Some people might feel confused. All of those feelings are ok and it's ok to feel differently from other people. We will talk about all of these feelings and changes in our class bubble.



# LUNCHTIME

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Lunchtime is going to be a bit different. We are going to eat our sandwiches together in the classroom, including the adults. We might watch a film, listen to an audio book or talk together when we do this.

If it's lovely and sunny, we might have a picnic and eat our sandwiches outside.

We will always wash our hands before and after lunch. I wonder which class bubble will be able to do the handwashing happy birthday song the loudest?

# PLAYING OUTSIDE

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When we play outside we will have a special place just for us. It's very important that we only play in the space we have been given so that we can stay in our class bubble. Mrs Gregory will give us our very own play equipment box of toys for playtime. At the end of play I will give the toys a little clean before we go back to class.

We won't be allowed to go on the play equipment at the moment or walk round the playground holding hands with our teacher. We also need to try not to touch each other and stay 2 metres apart. But don't worry, I've got some good ideas for games. We can have races, play Simon says, play musical statues and draw on the playground with chalks. You can come up with your own games too that mean you don't need to touch other children.



# AT THE END OF THE DAY

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When it is nearly home time we will make sure our special basket and our desk is clean and tidy ready for the next day.

We will wash our hands and pick up our waterbottle (and lunchbox if you brought one) and line up ready to go to back home. Home time is different for each class bubble – just like how our day started.

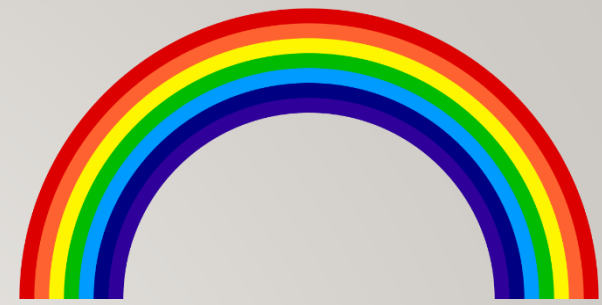
I will walk you to the place we are meeting your grown-ups. They will wave at me and I will tell you to go to them.

I will look forward to seeing you again the next day!





# A NOTE FROM ALL YOUR TEACHERS



The teachers have all been thinking about all of you while school has been closed and they are really looking forward to seeing all the children again. They will talk to you about how you are feeling, answer your questions and are ready to help you settle back into school.