

Letter to children returning to school

Dear children,

This letter is later being sent to you than I had hoped because I have been having lots of meetings over the last week which has meant I have had less time to do all my other jobs, such as writing to you!

As many of you may know, I sing in a choir. At the moment, like all choirs and other groups, we are not able to get together so instead we have a computer choir practice using Zoom. It has been lovely to see all my friends even though we are not able to sing together at the moment. Rather than singing, we have been meeting to learn about music and listening to pieces that may not be familiar to us. I've been introduced to some fantastic music and I've listened to all sorts of weird and wonderful things!

During this time, although it has been sad not to sing with my friends, it has also been fun to listen to new music. It is all about making the best of a situation and being open minded to new things.

Some children may be returning to school soon and if you are one of those children, you may be feeling a bit strange about it. You must not worry because your teachers will be doing everything they can to continue to make school a really happy place.

It is going to be different because we will be in much smaller groups and each group will learn and play together away from the other groups. We will also try not to get too close to each other. We are going to imagine there is a giant panda or polar bear between us and the next person!

We will have to keep washing our hands, like we did before, and your teachers will show you which toilet you will use. We will have our lunch in our classrooms or even on the field if it is a sunny day. Because we will be in super small groups we will be able to spread out and everyone will have a table for themselves. We'll keep all our belongings in our trays and everyone will be given their own pencils, scissors, paint brushes, crayons or other colouring things and we'll keep these things safe in our own special zipped bag (which your teacher will give you).

We will be learning maths, English and other things in our topic (just like you've been doing at home). We will also do music, like singing and we'll talk about different things together like we do in circle time (except we won't be sitting in a circle!). There will also be lots of time having fun outside, playing and doing sporty things.

We aren't using the front of the school at the moment so you'll come in at the back. Reception and Year 1 will come straight on to the playground through the big playground gates and everyone else will use the other top entrance (the normal one). When we go into class we will use the outside fire door of each class.

To help everybody have plenty of space (remember - giant panda!) Mr Smith has been drawing some marks on the ground. We must try to give each other space especially when we are lining up.

Well, that is a lot to think about for when we come back. I will be in touch again next week. Enjoy the rest of your holiday. We are really looking forward to seeing you soon.

Keep safe and well!

With love,
Ms Joskey