



Dear children (and parents/carers!),

We are really looking forward to seeing you all very soon and have been busy preparing the school to welcome you all on your return. There's so much to look forward to; meeting your friends again, seeing your teachers, lots of lovely exciting lessons and activities and helping to make our school a happy place once again.

Things have been a bit different for some time now and we're all getting used to doing things differently to how we used to; like wearing face coverings in shops. Well, to help to keep all of us safe, we have had to make some changes to school and our routines.

Although it's going to be a little different to what we're all used to, it will be great to be back together and learning. Also, we mustn't forget that across many year groups we are welcoming new children and are looking forward to meeting our new Year 3s in person for the first time.

These are the important things to remember:

- You've all been given a special entrance and time to come in and out for your class - you have to stick to this and you must be on time. Your mums/dads/carers have been told which entrance this is - if they have forgotten it's on the website and Class Dojo!
- You must try to keep your distance at all times - walking to and from school, in and around school and in the playground. We know it will be hard but you have been doing this for months now and

we bet you are really good at it! There are lines on the floors in school and posters on the walls to help remind you

- You will be given a place to sit in the classroom and a coat hook. You mustn't use any other one
- Don't bring **anything** to school apart from a coat (if needed), your lunch (if you have a packed lunch) your snack, water bottle and of course yourself - with a big smile! Everything else is provided.
- Lots of handwashing will be needed, there are lots of you so be patient and help your teacher out!

There are some new rules in school too as well as our STAR rules. Your parents/carers have a copy too so it would be good if you could read through them together. The rules are there for all times in school including break and lunchtimes.

- You need to follow all the instructions issued by all the adults in school at all times
- You need to stay in your seat in your class at all times unless an adult tells you that you can move
- You need to wash your hands when you are told to by the adults
- You must never share your food or drink.
- It is very important that you must not **deliberately** cough, sneeze, spit or breathe in the direction of any other person.
- If we all work together and we all follow the rules we can keep each other safe.

Here's a picture of what your class might look like - not very much different - but in rows, sitting side by side and facing the front.



And in the corridors, you will see it looking like this..... keep on the left.



We know that some of you may be a little bit worried about coming back to school but we are all here to help you. We can't wait to see you and are looking forward to lots of exciting learning together once again!

See you soon!

All the staff at Avenue Junior School!