

Some things are different at school at the moment.

This is because of a virus called Corona Virus.



The Corona virus is a new virus - no one has caught it before and our bodies aren't protected from it yet.

In school we have made some changes to help to stop people catching the virus.



Everyone can catch the virus so we have to be careful around the grown ups and other children in school and work together to help to stop the virus spreading.

Here are some of the things that are different

School is usually a very busy place.

At the moment people still need to stay spaced apart so that they don't catch the virus. Some of the children are going to stay at home for now so that there are less children around school.



Usually we have lots of people arriving at the same time at the start and end of the school day. For the next few weeks different classes are starting at different times instead so that there aren't too many people coming through the school gates at the same time.

To help to keep the germs away we need to wash our hands more often



To help with this we have some extra sinks that will be outside as well as the sinks in the toilets and classrooms.

If you are waiting to use the sink please leave a space between you and the person in front of you. We need to use paper towels to dry our hands, not the hand dryers.

 **KEEP**  **A SAFE**  **DISTANCE** 

Times you should wash your hands are.....

when you arrive at school



before and after eating



after coughing or sneezing



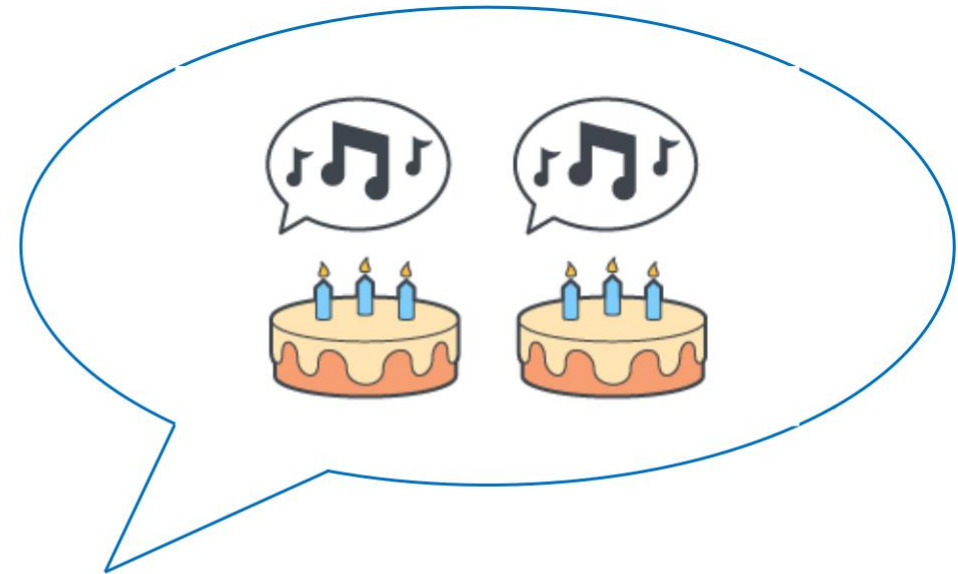
after sharing things with other people



after using the toilet



We have put some signs up to remind you to wash your hands you should wash them for 20 seconds using soap and water and to dry them carefully.



Remember - if you sing Happy Birthday 2 times while you wash your hands, that will be long enough.

There are other things we need to do to stop germs spreading



If you cough or sneeze try to do this into a tissue, then put the tissue in the new pedal bins in your rooms which look like this:



If you can't grab a tissue in time, then you should cough or sneeze into your elbow - this will help to stop the germs going into the air around you. Remember to **ALWAYS** wash your hands after a cough or a sneeze.

Another way to stop the spread of germs is to try not to touch your face or other people's faces.

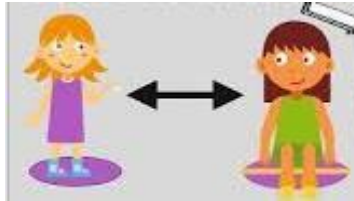


You should also wear a fresh set of clothes each day. So that you can do this, it's ok if you want to wear your own clothes for school rather than wearing your uniform every day.



Being around other people in school

At the moment we need to try not to touch other people.



Usually we might give our friends a hug when we see them or hold their hand when we spend time together.

Here's some suggestions of things we could do instead.

give a wave



give air hugs



There are lots of other ways
you can greet your friends.

dabs



air bumps



There are lots of other ways too - you and your friends might want to think up a move of your own.



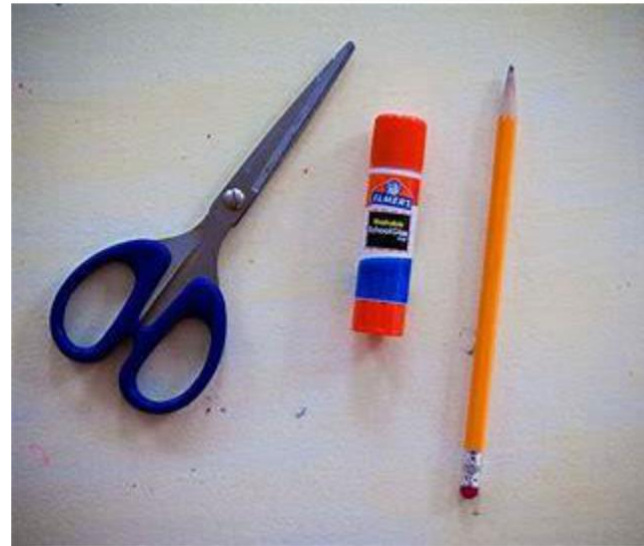
Other things we have changed to help to keep people more spread out.

As well as having less children coming into school, there will be less children in each of the classrooms.

Usually in the classrooms you sit with other people at the tables. At the moment everyone has their own table or a mat where they can do activities.

From Wednesday 10th June, we will only be using the school hall to eat our lunch. If you normally have a school dinner, then that is what we will give you. If you normally bring a packed lunch, then please bring one.

Instead of sharing the pencils, colours and scissors with the other children in your class, you will have your own set. These will be kept in a tray with your name on that you can keep on your table or mat.



You can bring some things to school to keep in your tray.

The things you can bring in are...
colouring books or activity books for
wet play



sun cream and hand cream



If you bring these things into school please get your grown-ups to help you put your name on them and keep them in your tray - you don't take them home every day with you.

You will also need a packet of tissues and two bottles of water, clearly labelled. We can't use the water fountains at the moment, and you will get thirsty. **You will need to take your water bottles home each day to clean and refill.**

We will be spending as much time outside as possible. There are lots of fun things you can do while you are outside that help you to not get too close to other people.



We don't want you to just be playing on your own all the time you are in school though - it's safer at the moment to just play and share things with a small number of people rather than lots of people, so the teachers will be putting you with a few other children in a team called a Friendship Bubble.

A bubble is just a small group of people who will spend their time together at school.
You can think of it as a team!

An illustration of a teacher and three children. The teacher is a woman with short brown hair, wearing a pink top. The children are a girl with pigtails in a blue shirt, a girl with glasses in a grey shirt, and a boy with red hair in a green shirt. They are all smiling and holding a green banner that says "We are a team!".

It will include some of your friends and one or two grown ups you will already know from school.

While you are in school you can play with the children in your Friendship bubble but not other children for now.

Eventually we will all be able to go back to playing with all of our classmates again and mixing with the children in other classes too.

