

Full Return to School

*Hi children,
I can't quite believe that it's nearly been a whole year since this photograph was taken (you've all got much taller!). It was taken on the last day before the first lockdown in March 2020! Little did we know just what kind of year was ahead of us...*

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Since then, I cannot put into words just how proud of you I am for showing such resilience (toughness). Just look how far you've come already! You're all now experts in remote learning and you know just what to do to keep that pesky virus away. You are the generation that will be remembered in history for your remarkable strength in getting through 2020/21. All the adults at Coombe Rd. Primary think you are awesome! You've been through so much – and we still have a way to go, but WE CAN DO IT!

Recently, the cases of the virus have reduced significantly (in an important way). This is why the Government have decided that it is safe for you all to start coming back to school.

The way we do things in school will still be a little different, like they were from September – but I know how brilliant you all are at following the rules and keeping yourselves and others safe.

We can't wait to see you and have you back with us!

Mrs Phillips ☺

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Washing Hands

It's REALLY important that you wash your hands when we ask you to. This will help to stop the virus from infecting any of us and spreading through our school.



You won't get any help from us here at Coombe Road Primary, Covid – GO AWAY!

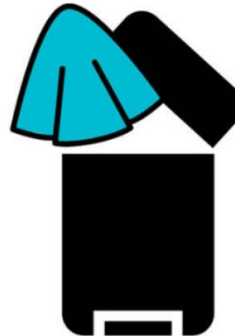


I'm never going to survive here!

If you need to sneeze or cough, do it into a tissue – or into your arm (like we have shown you before).



CATCH IT.



BIN IT.



KILL IT.

Remember to wash your hands for **20 seconds**

What shall I bring to school?

If you want a packed lunch, you can bring this in your lunch bag. Bring anything you need (not toys) in your book bag as these are really easy to wipe clean (or a suitable bag). You must make sure your adult (or you, if you're older) give any bags/lunch boxes a good wash before bringing them to school – and another good wash when you get home. This will also stop the virus moving from different areas (on surfaces).

Please bring your own water bottle and take it home to be washed as usual. Your water bottle will remain in your class space (as you have done since September).



Can I bring in other things from home?

We can't allow you to bring other things from home. We just can't keep everything as clean as it needs to be and so we will only use the things in school (which we will clean lots).

Reading books will be changed every Friday for now (this is likely to change after Easter) - we'll make sure the books are clean, then we know there's no risk of infection from that pesky Covid!



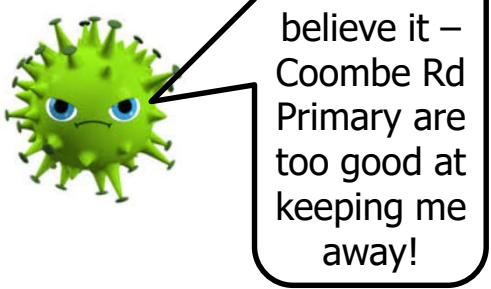
What shall I wear?

You should wear your uniform as usual, and make sure that you bring a raincoat. This is because we will be outside as much as possible (it is better to be outside in the fresh air). We will have windows and doors open so make sure that you are wearing warm clothes on a cooler day. The weather is changing now we're going into spring – so hopefully we'll start to see more sunshine and get outside as much as possible. All uniform can be ordered online (we know that most shops are still closed) – but we do have some spare uniform if you need it.

Your teacher will let you know about PE kits later. For now, you do not need to bring your PE kit.

Where will I be?

Having smaller groups of children means that we can stop Covid from spreading easily, and make sure we keep a safe distance from each other (it likes people to be close to each other).
You will do most things in school with your class but will be part of a 'bubble'. The 'bubble' will eat lunch together, share toilets and play on the same playground. You should not enter other bubbles and stay in your own.



Lower Bubble	Middle Bubble	Upper Bubble
Poppy & Buttercup Classes	Sunflower, Emerald & Sky Classes	Indigo & Amethyst Classes

What will happen at the gate?

You will need to queue at your gate (keeping your distance) if it is not yet open. Try not to arrive too early so that you are not having to wait (and causing crowds).
Your adult should wear a face covering if they are able to.
Once your teacher is there to greet you, you must say goodbye to the adult dropping you off (and there can only be one) at the gate (just like we have been used to).



Do I need a face covering?

You do not need to wear a face covering in school but all adults will be wearing a face covering for most of the time – especially when speaking to other adults and in corridors and the lunch hall. You're very used to this now though, aren't you?

Your adults will also wear a face covering if you hurt yourself – or if you have a toilet accident. This is because we need to get close to you – and we know that Covid likes this (we don't want it to like anything we do). If you need lots of first-aid, we might ask you to also wear a face covering (which we have) for extra protection. We would only do this if you feel comfortable wearing one.

If you travel to school by public transport, you and your adult will need to wear a face covering on the transport.

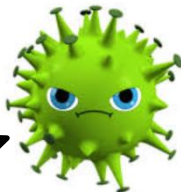
What will happen at lunch time?

You will still eat your lunch in the main hall as you have been doing. We will need to make sure that bubbles are not mixing, so the times you are used to may change. You'll see Jackie and Angie and they will also be wearing face coverings some of the time.

If you want to bring a packed lunch, just make sure it's in a very clean lunch box or bag – and make sure that only you touch it. Do not share your food with others.



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Primary School
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weaknesses!



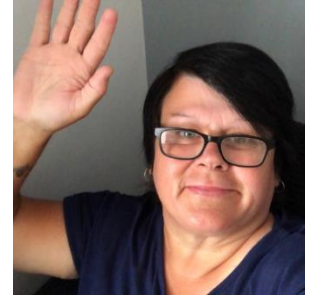
Where will I have playtime?

You will have your playtime on the playground that you are used to. Because Covid HATES us being outdoors, we'll be outside as much as we can so make sure you bring a warm coat on cooler days – and always have a rain coat to hand.

We must always wash our hands when we go back inside.

Who will be in my 'Bubble'?

Lower Bubble



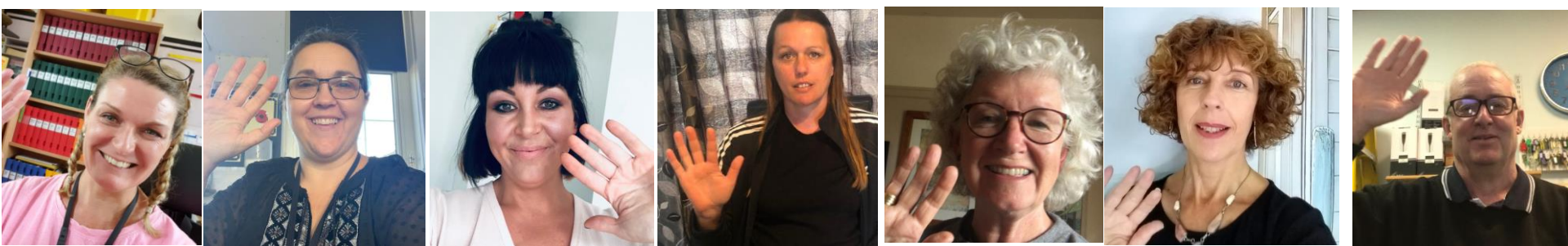
Middle Bubble



Upper Bubble



...and we'll still be around (in the Starlight Bubble)



We'll be at a safe distance to say hello.
Ms Ghani and Mrs Suleyman may work with you individually.

Gemma and Lisa might be in your bubble on one of the days.



You'll also see Chris and Mandy if you attend Breakfast/Buddies Club, and you might see James & Kirsty at the end of the day.



What now?

Get your uniform and school stuff prepared, remember how strong and awesome you are – and we'll see you on Monday, 8th March!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!