

My school is Polehampton CE Junior School which, like every other school in England, has been closed to most children since the Christmas holidays. It was closed because of the Coronavirus, sometimes called Covid. The schools were closed because a lot of hospitals were very busy so it was safer to stop people mixing with other people.



Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister, has announced that schools can open to everyone again from the 8th March 2021. This means that I can return to school next Monday. This is because the hospitals aren't as busy and it is very important for children to come back to school.

My school has lots of things in place to keep me safe - scientists have told schools what they can do to keep people as safe as possible. Here are some of the things:

- . Grown ups will be wearing masks around the school
- . We will be washing our hands regularly - both grown ups and children
- . Windows and doors will be open to give the classrooms good ventilation (this means air can blow through and help get rid of any particles that might make people poorly)
- . Like before Christmas, we will be having 'staggered' playtimes and lunchtimes (in our year groups - away from other year groups)
- . We will be eating lunch in our classrooms
- . Child will arrive and go home at different times
- . People will only be in school if they don't have any symptoms of the Coronavirus or have had a test to say they don't have it



Returning to school after a long time at home might make people feel very happy and/or excited. Sometimes people can feel anxious about returning to school. People will be experiencing lots of different emotions at the moment. It has been a very strange time (not coming to school) and some people can find unusual times (with unexpected changes) tricky. The 'change' of coming back to school might make people feel confused and have mixed feelings. It is okay to feel like that.



If I am having mixed emotions, or feeling worried or scared, it is important to tell someone. I can tell a safe person how I am feeling because talking about our emotions is very important.

The grown ups at my school are very excited to have all the children back and are really looking forward to seeing me.

