



Hello! We can't wait to welcome you back to Lord Deramore's Primary School in September.



You have all been superheroes. While there has been a nasty virus about, you have been brilliant: you have washed your hands and you have stayed 2m away from people from outside of your house. Some of you have not seen close family and friends, or been able to hug them.



Some of you have been superheroes by coming back to school, where you have coped really well with different teachers, classrooms and routines.

Some of you have been superheroes by staying at home, learning at home and staying safe.

Because you have been brilliant and followed the rules, fewer people are getting the virus, and soon it will be safe for **everyone** to come back to school.

When you come back to school, we will be your teachers and Mrs Graham will be our teaching assistant. Mrs Holden will teach you on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss McCormack on Thursdays and Fridays. Just like your Year 1 teachers, we will share teaching you on Wednesdays. Here's a bit about us.

Miss McCormack: I've not been at school since October because I have been at home with baby Rosa and Alexander. We have had lots of fun going on bike rides, walking in the woods, cooking in the kitchen and watching Rosa learn to sit up and crawl. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Year 2 in September, especially sharing stories with you.



Mrs Holden here. I have two boys; William who is 5 and Thomas who is 2. I really love anything to do with the outdoors. We like growing our own fruit and vegetables and I have two pet chickens named Holly and Penny. They lay light blue eggs. I really enjoy going to the seaside and forests for an explore, and having picnics whilst we are there is

one of my favourite things to do. I can't wait to have some adventures with you in year 2 next year!

In September, our topic is called 'Let's Explore'. We will be exploring our school grounds, finding out about our local area and learning about some famous people who went exploring. Where have you enjoyed exploring?

When we come back to school, some things will be the same as before:

- You will have your lessons in the classroom
- Your teacher and teaching assistant will be there to help you
- You will keep your things in a locker



- You will wear your school uniform.
- You only need to bring your pack-up (if you have one), a fruity snack and water bottle to school. Don't bring anything else like toys or a pencil case.
- You will have playtime with your class mates



- You will do PE and have time in the forest



Mr Rourke and Miss Nicholson will still be in the office, looking after everyone and making sure school runs smoothly.



Some other things will be a bit different.

Even though the virus is much less dangerous, it hasn't fully gone away yet. So we still must take care.

- When you come to school in the morning, you will need to come through the path next to the main gate off School Lane and go into the playground.



- You need to be in school between 8:40am and 8:50am.



- If you are a little bit early, wait in a space in the playground. Remember to leave some distance between you and people who do not live in your house. When the cloakroom door opens, say goodbye to your grown-up, and come in with your friends. We can't wait to see you!



- In school, you will be in a 'bubble' together with Year 1. This means that you can work and play with each other. Unfortunately, you will not be able to work or play with other children in school yet. But it won't be forever. You can still smile and wave at them when you see them. We will all be safe in our own 'bubbles'.

- You will wash your hands when you get to school and more often during the day.



- You will sometimes need to clean equipment that you have used.

- You will have dinner in the classroom or outside when the weather is nice. It will be like a picnic!





- We might be working and playing outside more than usual so make sure you have warm and waterproof outdoor clothes. You can keep a pair of wellies or boots in the outdoor box.

- You will go home at 3:15 as usual. Your grown-up will be waiting on the playground. When you are outside, remember to leave a space between you and children who are not in your bubble and adults who do not live in your house.

How do you feel about coming back to school?



Something else? A mixture of all of these feelings?

Because you have been away from normal school for so long, it is natural to have these different feelings. All the adults in school understand this and will be there to welcome you, to help with any worries and share your excitement. We will make sure everyone feels safe, happy and ready to learn.



Have a happy and fun
summer holiday.
See you in September!



from Mrs McCormack and Mrs Holden