



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



You have all been superheroes!



While Covid-19 has been 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, I will be your teacher and Miss Havercroft will be our teaching assistant. Here's a bit about us.



Mr Richards & Miss Havercroft



Hi Year 5, you will recognise me from school already. I'm the Phase 3 leader and responsible for PE and Computing in school. I love sport, especially football and rugby and support a little known team called Southend United. I also love music, art, pink milk, OJ, lasagne and all things Harry Potter and Star Wars. I'm looking forward to working with you all next year in the *(whisper it quietly)* best class in school!

I'm sure you'll all recognise Miss Havercroft who will be joining Year 5 as our Teaching Assistant. Our wonderful TuTu Funky instructor is an experienced teacher too! As you know, she really enjoys dancing and loves music and art too. Miss Havercroft is super excited to start working in class with us.

Our first topic in September will be the Victorians, so brush up your best clothes and neatest uniform so you don't get in to trouble with us strict teachers! Ha ha, only joking! Have a great, safe summer!

Mr R

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 in through the gate near the staff car park and Kids Kabin.

- Once you are at the gate, you can say goodbye to any adults with you and carry on down the path.



- Follow the path around the outside of school to your classroom. Miss Havercroft and I will be waiting for you. Make sure you arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:50am.



- Year 5 and Year 6 will be in a 'bubble' together at school. 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'.

- When you get to school, you will wash your hands. You will need to wash then again during the day.
- Sometimes you will need to clean equipment that you have used.





- 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.
- We won't have any assemblies or eat in the dining hall. You will have dinner in the classroom, or outside when the weather is nice. It will be like a picnic!
- You will go home at 3:15 as usual. At the end of the school day, you will walk around the path to meet your adult on the playground. Remember to keep a distance between you and people who are not in your bubble and adults who do not live in your house.



How do you feel about coming back to school?

Happy?



Sad?



Excited?



Worried?



Angry?



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. The adults in school understand this and will be there to welcome you, to help with any worries and share your excitement. They will make sure everyone feels safe, happy and ready to learn.



Have a happy and fun summer holiday.
See you in September! Welcome to Year 5!
Mr R