



Friezland Primary School

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Class 4 – Return to School Information

Dear Class 4,

I wanted to share some information with you as you prepare to return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**. I have been working hard getting ready to welcome you back and I am looking forward to seeing you. I know that many of you haven't been into school for a long time and there are some things which have changed, so I want to explain them to you so they don't come as a surprise.

Start and end of the day

Your school day will start at **8.45am** and end at **3.20pm** as usual. Only **one** grown-up can drop you at school and pick you up and you won't be able to play in the playground or on the field before or after school. You will line up as usual in the playground at the start of the day, although you will be more spread out than before. Your lockers have been allocated and we will tell you which one is yours on the first day back. It is important that you try to maintain social distancing as you arrive; come straight to your line and avoid getting too close to the children in other classes, if possible. At the end of the day, we will come out to the playground as usual and wait for your grown-up to collect you. Please make your way out of the school grounds promptly. If you need permission to make your own way home, or meet your adult half-way, we can give you a letter for your grown-ups to complete.

Groups and grown-ups

Your teacher will be Miss Hill. Mrs Stacey will often be in class with us, as will Mrs Whitehead. There may also be times when other teaching assistants are with us. The desks in the classroom are arranged in rows facing forwards, this is to keep us safe from breathing germs on each other, face to face. At break time and lunch time, we must keep children from different classes apart, so each class will use a separate playing area. This might be the MUGA or the playground or the field - it will depend on the weather. We know this might seem a bit strange, but it is what we need to do for now to keep everybody safe.

Break and Lunch

Remember your water bottle and a healthy snack for break time as usual. At lunchtime, we will eat our lunch in the classroom before going out to play. Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Dumbill will be making their yummy school dinners as usual. You can still choose to have a packed lunch from home if you prefer; remember not to change without giving us two-weeks' notice. The adults will help to make sure everyone has washed their hands before and after eating, and that we clean the desks.

Uniform

You will need your PE kit as usual. Navy shorts for indoor or outdoor PE and a plain or Friezland-logo white T-shirt. For cold weather, bring plain navy tracksuit bottoms and a jumper. Please make sure you have suitable shoes for outdoor PE. If you have long hair, it's a good idea to keep some hair bobbles in your PE bag. Similarly, if you often wear tights, remember your socks! If you wear earrings, you might want something to keep them in when you take them out for PE. Girls will change for PE in the classroom during lunchtime, ready for afternoon PE. Boys will change for PE in the classroom at their desks whilst the girls wait outside. This is to keep you safe because we can't have a large group of girls changing in the toilets.





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What to bring

It is important that we are only bringing essential items to and from school. You will need your water bottle, a healthy snack and your PE kit. If you don't need to bring your mobile phone, please leave it at home. If you use an asthma inhaler, please bring one with you on the first day back. Please do not bring your own pencil cases or equipment from home. We will give you your own pencil case and equipment to use in class. Similarly, please do not bring in games or top trump cards from home. Although it is very important to know how to *share*, we must try not to share things amongst ourselves; this is another way to keep everybody safe.

Music & Clubs

At the moment, we are waiting to find out if the OOPS Brass group and Choir can take place. However, keyboard and guitar lessons can take place so watch out for the letters about that if you want to take part. Also, after-school sports clubs, including karate, will be happening, so look out for those letters too.

Keeping you safe

As I've mentioned several times so far, it's important we try to keep a sensible distance from each other – this means us staying together in a 'Bubble'. I've attached a sheet called 'What is a School Bubble?' which helps to explain this. It's also very important that we all wash our hands regularly, so we will help you to remember to do that. As I'm sure you know, if you have a temperature, a cough or you lose your sense of taste or smell, you must stay at home and your grown-ups should let us know as soon as possible. If you become ill or hurt yourself at school, the adult who takes care of you (the first aider) will need to wear a mask and gloves and maybe a plastic apron. This is nothing to worry about – it's just another safety measure.

Our classroom

Here are a few photos of the classroom so you can see what it looks like now.



We really can't wait to see you all, and for us all to be back learning together. We understand that you might be feeling anxious as it's been a long time since you were in class 'as usual', but please don't worry, we're ready and excited to see you!

Enjoy the rest of your holidays,

Miss Hill and the rest of the Friezland Team

