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## A Letter to all Children from Mr Brown

Dear boys and girls,

Sorry this is a bit of a long letter so maybe your grown-ups might read it to you if you are very small. I wanted to write to you all again because we are coming up to a new part of our fight against this annoying virus. You have all been amazing. You have done brilliant home learning, kept in touch with your teachers and tried hard to be good (most of the time!) for your parents. Your parents and carers have been amazing because they have looked after you, kept you safe, helped with your learning, kept you busy and been really good (most of the time!) You are all brilliant and we are really proud of each and every one of you. Keep it up.

Now, on Monday, some of you are probably going to be coming back to school. This will first of all be our smallest ones in Lions, Tigers and Year 1 as well as our biggest children in Year 6 who need to get ready for senior school. The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, thinks that the children in Lions, Tigers and Year 1 need to come back to school so that they don't fall too far behind with their amazing reading and phonics super powers.

Not all of the children in these year groups will be coming back to school just yet. Most will, but for one or two children it would not be good for their health to come back to school just yet and for others, their grown-ups have decided that they would like to keep them at home and keep learning there for just a bit longer.

If you are in Years 2, 3, 4 or 5 you are probably wishing that you were able to come back to school but I'm afraid that isn't allowed just yet. The Prime Minister wants to see how we get on with a few children first before we get everyone back to school. I don't think it will be very much longer before we can welcome you all back and things can feel a bit more "back to normal" for us all. That will be a really exciting day and something we can all look forward to!

If you are in Lions, Tigers, Year 1 or Year 6 and you will not be coming back yet, then we know that your grown-ups will have thought really hard and decided that it was not quite right for you at the moment. Please be helpful to your grown-ups and just keep going with your brilliant home learning for the time being. The learning at home and at school will be almost the same so you won't be missing out and we would like you to join in by completing your learning on Google Classroom or on Tapestry, in addition your parents could upload photos to any of our Twitters, we can then share this with your pals in school. You are not the only ones who are not allowed back just yet. Some of the school grown-ups are not coming back at the moment either because it is not the right time for them. They feel just like you and want to come back but we will all be together again soon I am sure so we need to be patient for a bit longer.

Now, if you **are** coming to school on Monday, we are really excited about welcoming you back! I expect that you (and your grown-ups) will be feeling a bit nervous. You have been away from school for quite a long time and it will feel strange to be back at the school gate.



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Please don't feel worried because I, and all the teachers and grown-ups at school, have been planning for you to come back for ages and we are ready and excited to see you. Some things will seem a bit different. It will take a little while to get used to the changes but if we are a big team and you and your grown-ups at home are brave and positive then we can do this!

Some of the things that might be a bit different:

You might be in a different classroom. Don't worry, you will soon get used to it and we will be there to show you where to go.

You may have a different grown-up looking after you. Don't worry. It will be someone you know and trust from our school. You will probably have done lots of learning with them before.

You will be in a smaller class group with some of your friends but not all of your friends. Don't worry. You will be in a small group with a few of your friends and everyone in your group will be from your Jungle or Planet Team. You will still see your other friends at school but sadly we can't all play together just yet but you will be able to say hi and wave to each other.

Your grown-ups from home will need to pass you on to a school grown up at the gate in the mornings. Don't worry. This will be a grown up you know and trust like me, Mrs Pollitt, Mr Saunders or another friendly face. The school playground might look empty because children will be arriving at different times that's why your home grown-ups need to leave quickly ready for the next children to arrive. Once you get inside, you will see that there are a lot of children in school, surprise!

The classrooms will look a little bit different with more space between children. You will need to sit at the same desk and chair when in your base classroom. Don't worry. This is just to make extra sure that we are not passing on the annoying virus to each other and so we can all keep healthy and keep coming to school.

The grown-ups will keep telling you to wash your hands and they will be wiping the tables and stuff a lot. Don't worry. This is just to make sure that we don't pass the annoying virus to each other on our hands and the things we touch.

You won't be able to share pens, pencils, scissors or glue sticks. Don't worry, you will have your very own and your own pencil case to keep them in!

But, lots of things will be the same.

You will still see all your teachers and school grown-ups.

You will do PE.

You will get to use your own locker, the same one you had before school closed.

You will get a new pencil case with lots of cool stationery in it that you can keep for yourself.

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You will eat your lunch with your pals (it will be a picnic most days but that doesn't sound so bad.

You will have playtimes.

You will have worship times but in your own class.

We will still have VIPs.

You will still do lots of fun learning and playing.

We will still care for you as much as your home grown-ups.

We will still love you so much that we couldn't love you more.

So, school will be a bit different and maybe a bit strange at first but we will all be here and excited to welcome you back on Monday! Let's be a super brave, super amazing, super hero team together and let's get back to being A Loving School as soon as we can.

We can't wait to see you all again really soon, yikes!

So very, very proud of you all. At home, at school, somewhere in-between, we couldn't be more proud of you.

Love from,

Mr. Brown and all of us at Bransgore School xxx

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