



Dear Families,

Welcome to term 4 and welcome back to all our students. We look forward to seeing you all next week. From Monday 12th October, we begin the Melbourne Metropolitan- Second Step Return to School Plan.

As from Monday 12th October all students from Prep to Year 6 will return to school. This will end all remote learning. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home from 12th October, we can no longer support their learning from home.

To continue to comply with requirements of this second step, adults including families will not be permitted on school premises, unless absolutely necessary, to pick up uniform, pay school fees. This will continue until further advice from Department of Education or Catholic Education Melbourne is given. If you need to pay fees or purchase uniform, you may do so using credit card and over the phone. Please remember due to Covid-19, you will be unable to return uniform if does not fit. A display of Summer uniform and sizes will be set up in the school foyer to assist you with this. Please contact the office prior to entering the school, through the Willey Street entrance.

Again, staged returns exist. I ask you to take the time to read this, to ensure you understand fully, what is required to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all. We did this well in term 2, I am again positive this will work efficiently for all.

WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES?

1. Staggered start and finish times to the school day.

- Outlined on the table below are the start and finish times for school days for students. These have been allocated according to the House the student belongs to. This will support families to come at the one time. Children should know their house colour. If your child is unsure of their House colour, please contact the office on 93118872.
- The small and large gates on Westmoreland Road will be the entrance and exit to the school for students each day.
- Willey street school entrance is for staff and adults including families. Student are not to enter or exit through these gates.
- In the mornings, a drop off zone has been set up on Westmoreland Rd for families to drop their children off. This worked well in Term 2, so we will continue to use this for term 4. We will have increased traffic flow beginning next week and as **THIS IS A DROP OFF ZONE, WE ASK ADULTS TO REMAIN IN THE CAR** AND staff will assist students to get out of the car. This will be manned by staff. **Parents will not be permitted to park here.**
- At the end of the day, parents or families will need to park, and pick up students as detailed on the below tables. **Again, with the increased volume of students next week please ensure you come at the allocated time set for your child/children. We cannot afford to have parents waiting at the gate at the 3:15 time if their child is not released until 3:30pm.** Again, I thank you for your co-operation with this. For the safety of all, please drive at 5kms/hour in the drop off zone.
- To ensure the compliance of the above, I have been advised that **authorities will be in the area, fining those families not social distancing adequately. So please ensure you wear masks, and socially distance. Black crosses will be placed on the footpath to assist with this.**
- There will be **NO STAFF SUPERVISION** of the car park. So, if you choose to use this, you will need to walk your child to the gate on Westmoreland road.
- Families who allow their children to walk to school are also required to comply with the times outlined.
- Signage will be posted at the entrances to support you with this.

Mamo House: Gold	
8:30am	Enter by Small Westmoreland Gate
2:45pm Wednesday	Pick up from Small Westmoreland Gate
3:15pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday	Pick up from Small Westmoreland Gate

McKay House: Green	
8:45am	Enter by Small Westmoreland Gate
3:00 pm Wednesday	Pick up from Small Westmoreland Gate
3:30pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday	Pick up from Small Westmoreland Gate

Mahoney House: Red	
8:30am	Enter by Large Westmoreland Gate
2:45pm Wednesday	Pick up from Large Westmoreland Gate
3:15pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday	Pick up from Large Westmoreland Gate

Mackillop House: Blue	
8:45am	Enter by Large Westmoreland Gate
3:00pm Wednesday	Pick up from Large Westmoreland Gate
3:30pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday	Pick up from Large Westmoreland Gate

Please ensure you know your child/children's House colour and please follow the times for arrival and pick-ups given the increased volume of students returning.

2. WET WEATHER

If it is wet in the morning, children will be sent straight to the learning spaces upon arrival and will have their hands sanitised upon entry to the school by their class teacher.

If it is wet in the afternoon, please ensure your child has a coat and umbrella.

3. HYGIENE AND SAFETY PRACTICES

- The students and staff will be asked to hand sanitise or wash their hands with soap upon entry to the school.
- Students and staff will also have non-invasive temperature checks upon entry to the school. This is to minimise the spread of infection. If you have an objection to this please place in writing to principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au or call the office on 931 18872.

- Students will hand sanitise or wash hands prior to going out for lunch and recess play and also upon re-entry to the learning spaces.
- Students are to bring their own bottles of water as the fountains have been converted to taps to refill their bottles. Students will need to take their drink bottles out to play and lunch, so please label with their name and grade.
- All learning spaces will have a large bottle of hand sanitiser. Some children may be allergic to this or be experiencing rashes or dry hands, they will be asked to wash their hands
- Sneezing or coughing practices into the elbow will continue to be reinforced.
- Face masks are not necessary for students at Primary schools.
- Each day and throughout the day learning spaces will be thoroughly cleaned and aerated.

4. LUNCH AND BRAIN FOOD BREAKS

Students must bring their own lunch and brain food. **NO PARENTS WILL PERMITTED TO DELIVER LUNCHES TO THE SCHOOL THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

LUNCH ORDERS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 2020. There will be no over the counter sales for all of Term 4.

5. TRANSITION TO SUMMER UNIFORM

As the weather transitions from Spring to Summer, it can be both cool and warm on some days. Students may wear either Summer or Winter uniform for the month of October, however they cannot wear a combination of both. **ALL STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR SUMMER UNIFORM FROM MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER.** Sports uniform only on Physical Education days. The uniform may be purchased from the office. A uniform order sheet is attached.

6. SUNHATS

As we are a Sunsmart school, all students require a sunhat effective immediately. Students without sunhats will have to sit under the sheltered areas.

7. RETURN OF SCHOOL DEVICES

All iPads are to be returned to the school on **MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER FOR STUDENTS IN PREP TO YEAR 6.**

8. UNWELL STUDENTS

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, we ask you to keep your child home if they are unwell. **This means if your child has runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea etc, they should NOT be at school. Your child is only permitted to return to school, when all symptoms have disappeared.**

9. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Students at before school care will enter the school as they normally do, through the Pioneers Hall. At the end of the day they will make their way to after school care.

10. PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The usual Grand Final Public Holiday has been altered from Friday Oct 2nd to **Friday 23rd October.** This is a gazetted public holiday and therefore the **school will be closed on this day.** Please mark this in your diary.

11. SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS FOR TERM 4

School Closures for Term 4 will be on **Friday 30th October and on Monday 2nd November.** On **Friday 30th October** teachers will take part in professional learning using Fountas and Purnell detailing effective evidence-based reading and writing strategies. This was scheduled for August, but was postponed due to Covid 19. **Monday 2nd November** will be a report writing day. Please mark these dates in your diary, **as the school will be closed to all students.**

12. SCHOOL PHOTOS

At this time, School Photos are not permitted. In the event that permission is granted for these, they have been rescheduled to **Friday 13th November, 2020.** Full Summer uniform is to be worn for this. A note and order form will follow in the coming weeks.

We understand, that after such a long absence from onsite schooling, some children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Sarah Judde our school psychologist has provided two documents which may assist your child's transition to school. The first document gives you some strategies to support your child's return, and the second is a social story to support your child to understand and feel at ease seeing people wearing masks. You may find these helpful.

I realise there is a significant amount of information here, and thank you for your continued understanding and partnership with the school under extraordinary circumstances. We as a school, are so excited to have your children, our students return next week. We have missed their cheerful voices, their smiling faces and the joy they give us!

We have achieved much together over the last 10 months because of our sense of community, mutual respect and the strong relationships we have forged over our time here together, whether it be only 10 months if you are a new Prep family or close to 7 years if you are a Year 6 family. Our solidarity as a community of faith and the grace of God's great love for each of us, has been evident in all of our actions and interactions throughout this time.

Prayer:

Dear God,

The COVID-19 outbreak has disrupted many aspects of our lives, including our schools. Despite the uncertainties caused by the pandemic, we have faith that Your love guides us. We give you thanks and praise for the goodness that shines through the relationships formed, knowledge learned, and memories made through our schools. Loving God, we ask that you protect all students and teachers and staff who are returning to school, and give parents and guardians peace about their well-being.

Bless the body, mind, and soul of every student, teacher, and staff member. May they celebrate your glory and use their education to build your kingdom of peace.

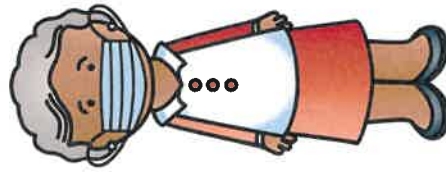
In Jesus Christ's name. AMEN

I look forward to seeing you all, as you drop your children off next week.

God bless, and stay safe.

Mrs Joanne Webster

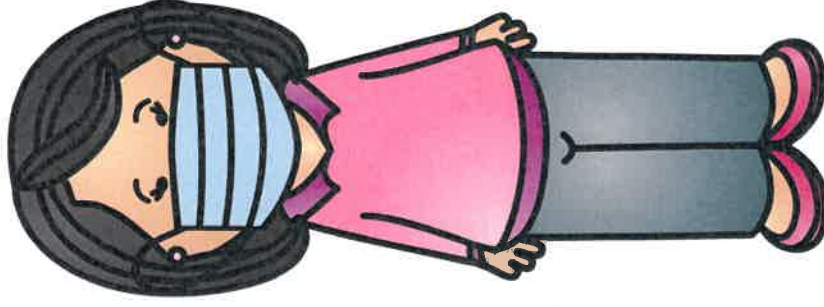
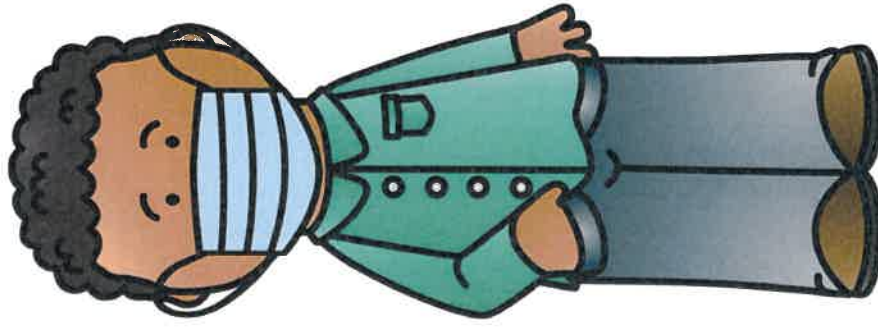
Seeing other People wearing MASKS



A story for children

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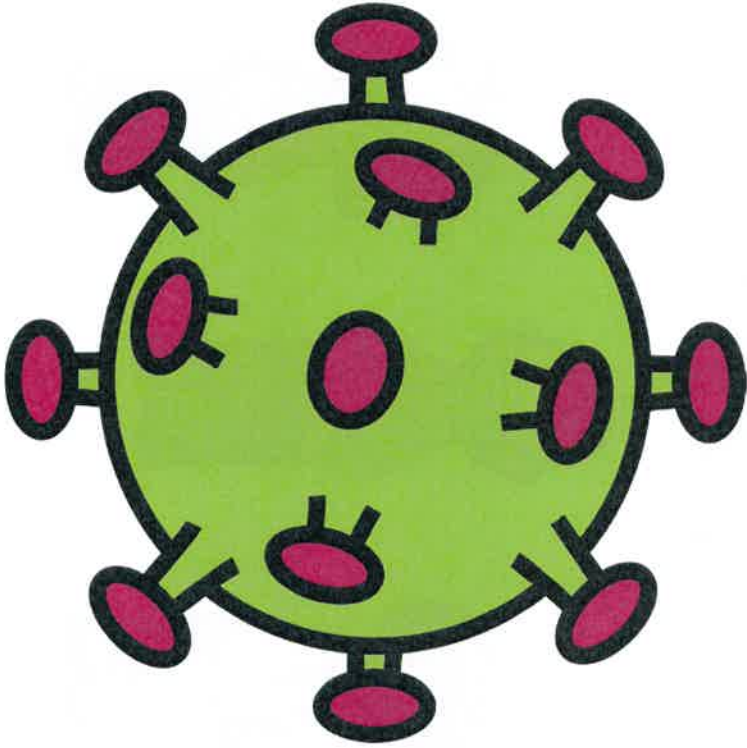
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Sometimes I might see people
wearing face masks at the store.

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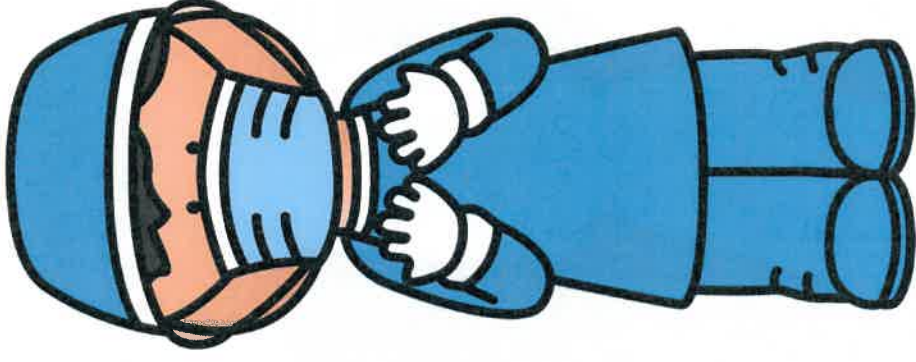
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Wearing a mask at a store is a new thing. This is because of a germ called COVID-19.

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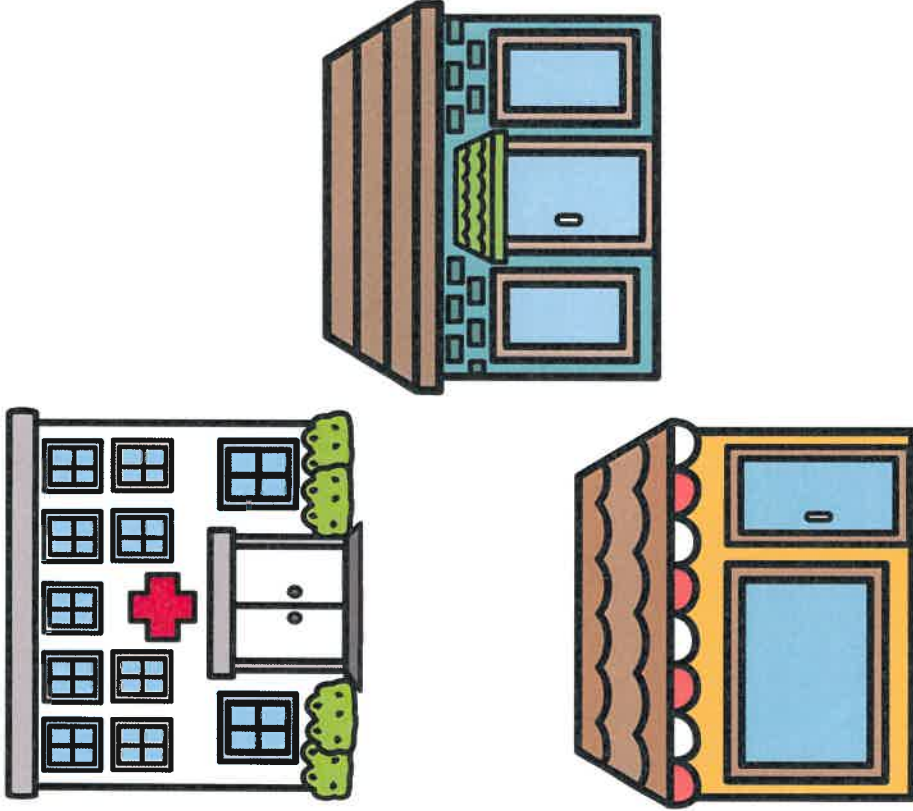
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Before COVID-19, I usually only saw doctors and nurses wearing a face mask.

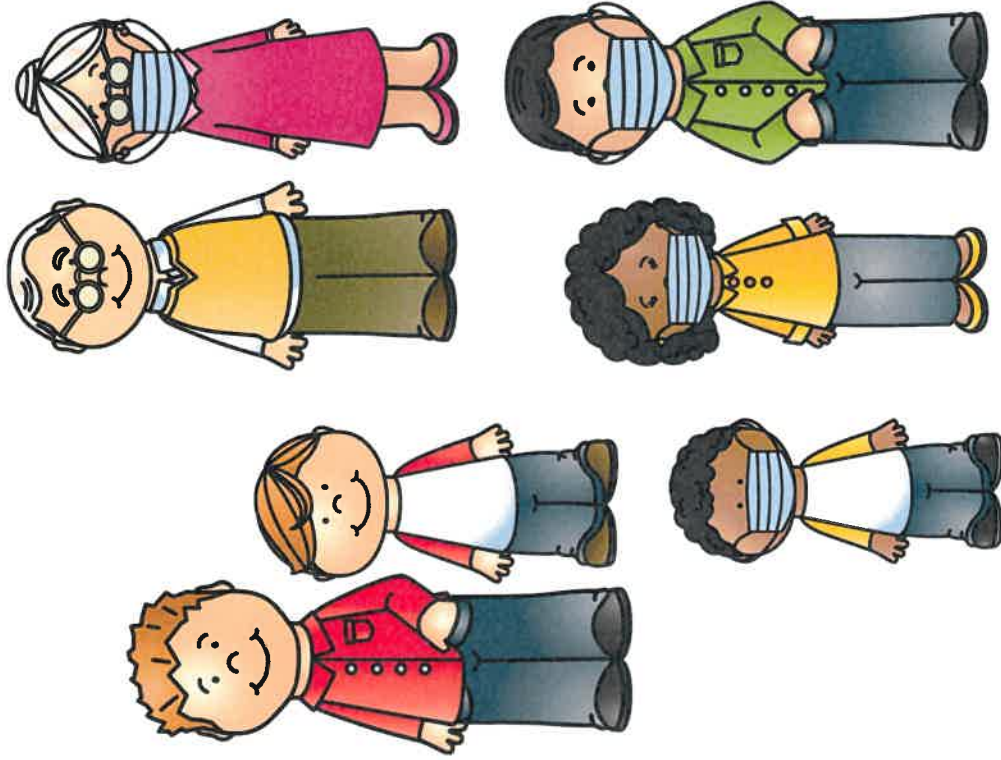
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Now, more people are wearing
them in different places. Not just
in a hospital!

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In a store I will see some people
wearing a mask and some
people not wearing a mask.

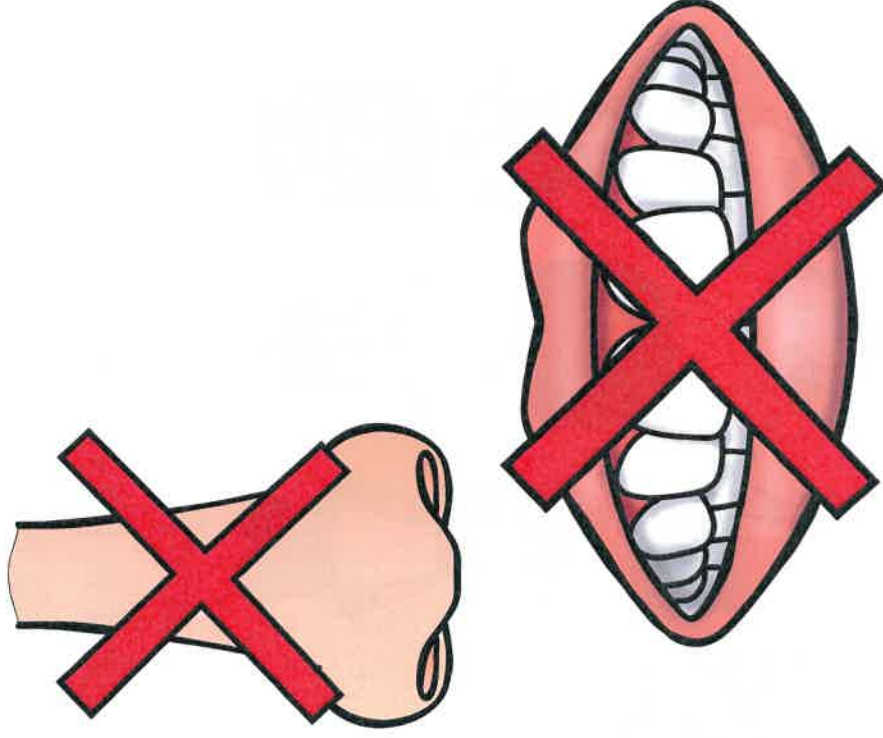
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When somebody wears a mask,
I can only see their eyes.

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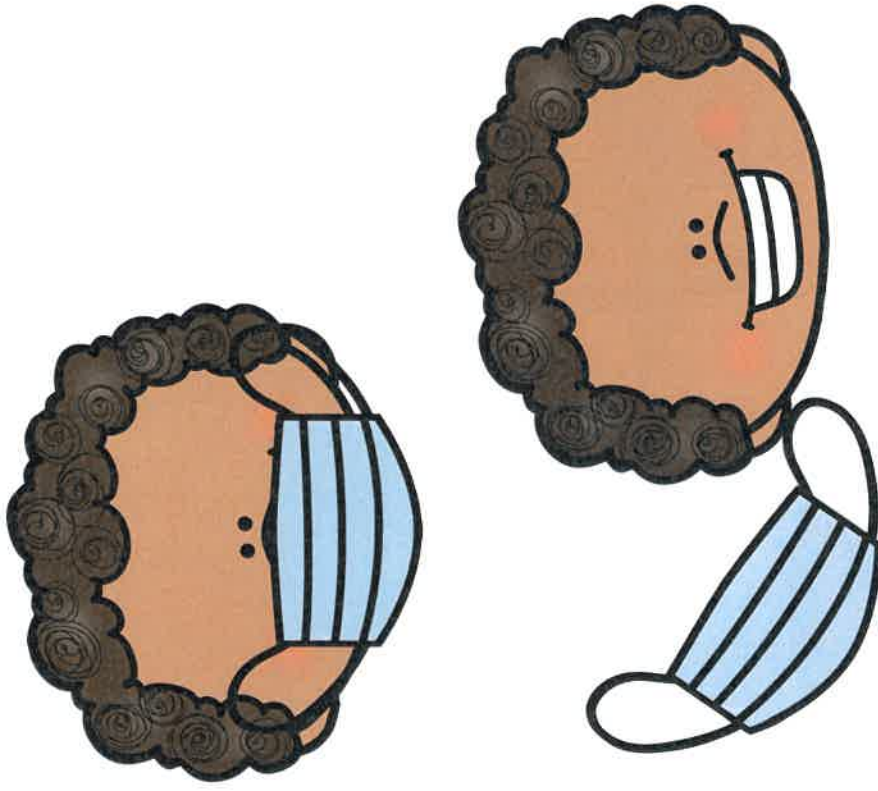
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I won't be able to see their nose
or mouth. Their nose and mouth
are under the mask.

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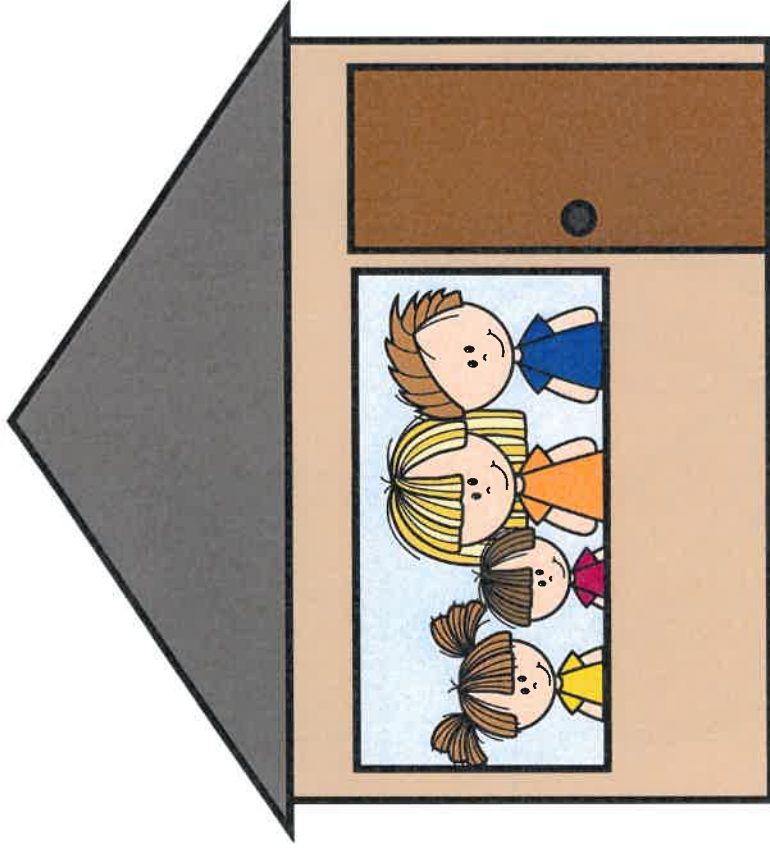
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The people wearing masks can still talk and they might even be smiling at me. I just can't see their mouth.

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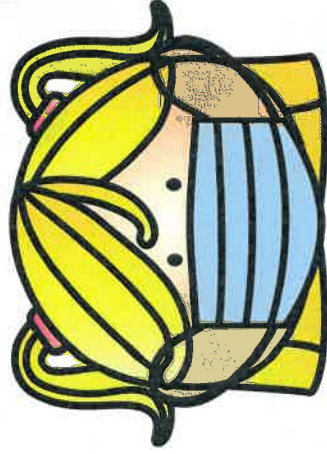
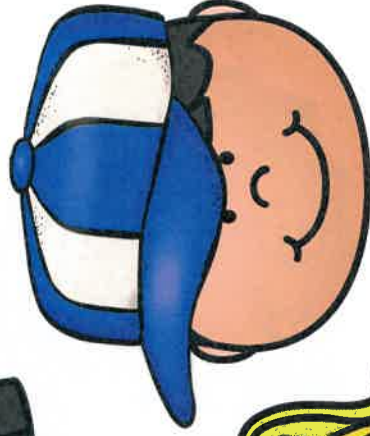
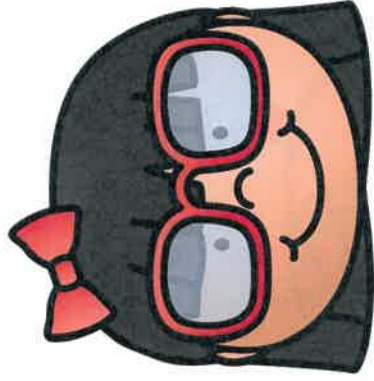
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People wearing masks take them off when they get home. Then, their family can see their nose and mouth again!

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Some people wear glasses,
some people wear hats, and
some people wear masks.

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Seeing people wearing masks is
different. But, it's okay!



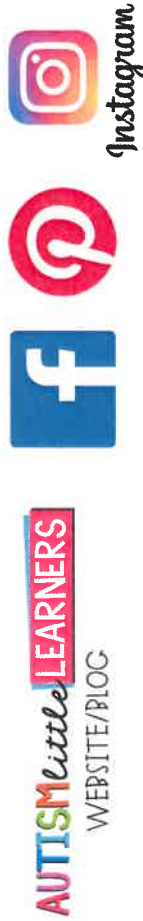
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Preparing for Return to School

After an extended period of time being at home, returning to school for children can elicit a mixed bag of feelings. This can range from feeling excited and eager to be back at school, to feeling anxious and fearful, or a mixture of these feelings. Some things that may help ease children back into school mode may include:

- **Talk about going back to school.**

This could be a conversation that includes discussing together what parts of school your child looks forward to and enjoys, and what parts of school worries them. Most children tend to experience some levels of stress and worry about returning to school after a period of time away. This could be an opportunity to normalise the experiences of some of those worries and reassure your child they can overcome those worries when given time to settle in. It could also be an opportunity to identify what those worries are and troubleshoot together on how they can tackle those worries. It may also be helpful to encourage any questions your child might have about what the school term may look like.

- **Setting up a back-to-school routine prior to returning to school.**

This could be creating healthy and consistent sleep habits where bedtime and wakeup times line up with what would happen on a school day. You might also want to create a "getting ready" chart that plans out the tasks needed to be done in the evenings and mornings to get ready for school (e.g. packing a school bag the night before, laying out the school uniform before bed, getting dressed by yourself, etc).

- **Encourage a sense of belonging and fostering social connections.**

This could be pairing your child with a buddy, such as another student in their class, who can be their social contact during the school day.

- **Be enthusiastic and excited about your child's return to school.**

- **Reassure and reinforce to your child that they will cope with school and have already done so in the past and they will have fun.**

- Importantly, you can also **draw on your knowledge and experiences on how to best support your child** through a period of change and in their previous transitions back to school after time away. Remember, you and your child have already had practice getting back into school mode and have been able to do this successfully!

- More information about managing return to school anxiety can be accessed here:

<https://theconversation.com/back-to-school-anxiety-here-are-seven-simple-solutions-82049>

