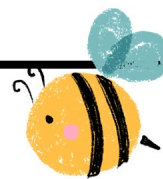


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**Our School is
closing for a while**

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Schools sometimes need to close for a little while. They close when it is the summer holidays. They close when it is the Easter holidays. They close when it is the Christmas holidays. Sometimes they close when it is a teacher training day or a bank holiday. Schools can close for lots of reasons.

Sometimes schools have to close for other reasons. The heating might not be working properly and it is too cold. We might have snow day because it is snowing so heavily that we can't even get to school.



When schools close it can be good fun. We can do things that we don't normally do. Everything changes.

Instead of having to get up really early and get washed and dressed we might be able to stay in bed a bit longer.

We might be able to go to bed a bit later too.



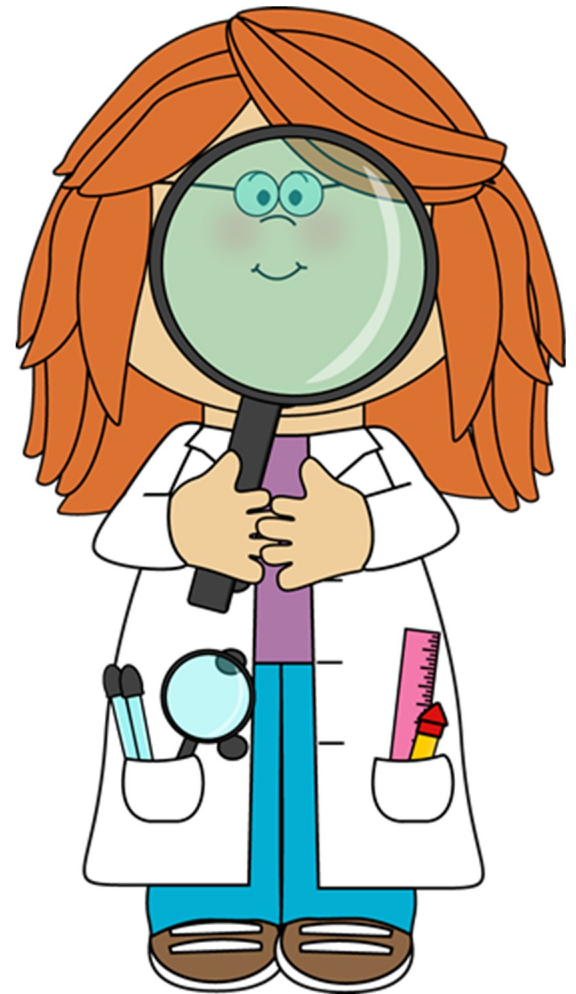
Our school is now having to close because of the Coronavirus. Our very important government and very clever scientists think this is the best way to keep everyone safe from the virus.

If most people are at home and not having social contact with other people that means that the virus can't spread.

Social contact means meeting up with people. When you are in school you are meeting up with lots of people all of the time. When we are at home we only have social contact with our families and not our friends.

It is important to fight this virus for us not to have too much social contact.

We will need to stay at home and someone will look after us. When we do this we will help to stop the virus spreading.



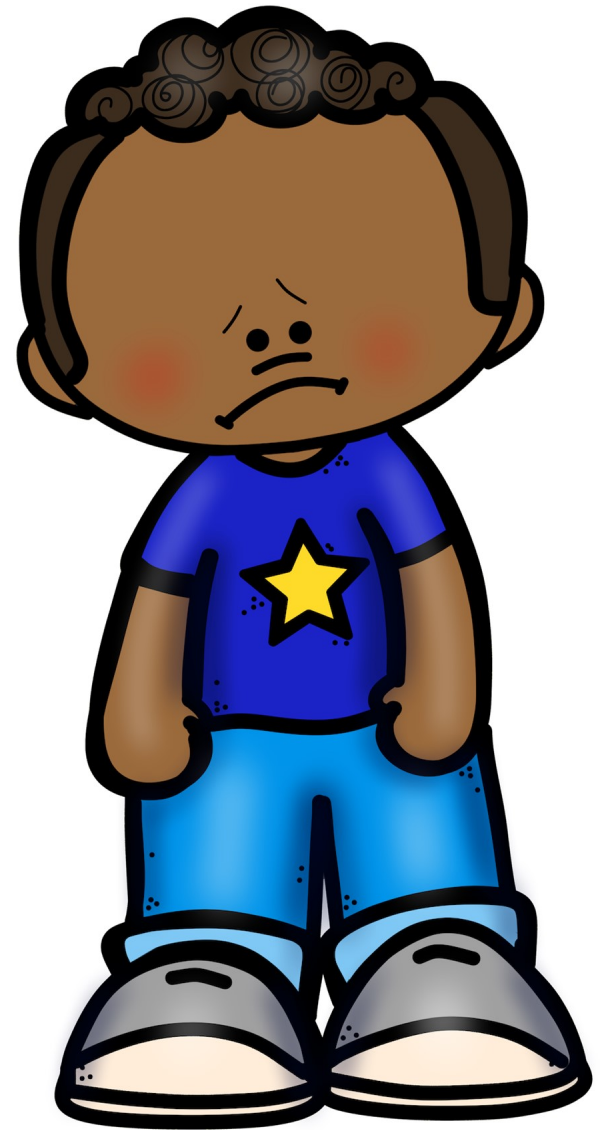
We might feel a bit sad about not going to school for a while.

It is a big change and sometimes kids don't like things to change too much. Adults don't like things to change too much either.

We need to remember though that it is ok to feel a bit sad. Everyone is going to feel a bit sad as well. Our teachers are going to feel a bit sad too.

We need to remember why we are doing this though. We need to remember that we are in the Superhero team and we are fighting this virus.

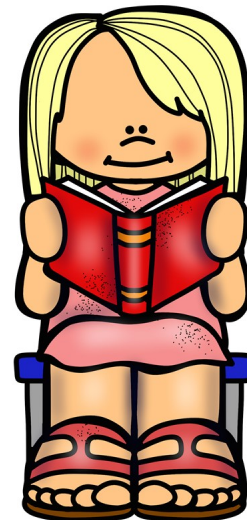
We can always talk to an adult if we are feeling a bit sad. We can also try and do some activities that make us feel happy again.



It is important to make a plan over what we should do when we are at home all day. We need to think about all the things we can do at home instead of at school. Our teachers will help us by giving us some activities to do at home. Our parents will also help to give us things to do at home.

Some of the things we could do are:

- ☐ Read a book
- ☐ Help with chores around the house
- ☐ Write a story
- ☐ Do some colouring
- ☐ Do some crafts
- ☐ Help in the garden
- ☐ Help look after the pets



There are lots and lots of things we can do in our homes that are good fun.



School won't be closed forever but just for a while until this Coronavirus has stopped spreading. It will be exciting to go back and see all our friends again.

It is important to stop the spread of the virus to the older people in our country. Some people have health problems too and we need to keep them safe as well. If we get the virus we will be just fine because we are strong and healthy. We can fight it right off!

We will be happy to stay at home and help to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. We are in the Superhero team and can help to fight this virus!

