

5 Tips for Returning to School after Lockdown

Returning to school after lockdown is a kind of transition. And just like changing schools or moving year groups, there are tried and tested ways to do this.

Use Bridging Tasks/Objects

Print out and display work created online as a link between remote and in-class learning. Create activities that can be started at home and completed in class (stories, poems, art).



Make Lists

Before return create two lists – what is the same about remote/in-class learning? What's different? Review these after a few days back in school.



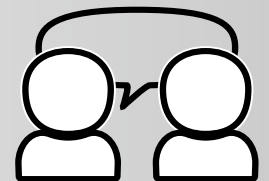
Choose Your Words

'Catch-up'? 'Recovery'? 'Reset'? 'Restart'? ' How you talk about the return will affect how children and parents think about it.



Share Stories

Create boundaries and a safe place and time for 'Lockdown tales'. Use story structures. Let your children tell their lockdown story if they wish, but do not force the telling.



Decide The Time

When will you address this transition and for how long? Catch up playtimes? Drop ins? Formal tasks? How much time do the children actually need for this?



Remember..

...while you are doing this kind of thing for your children, make sure someone is doing it for you and your colleagues...

