

# Talk With Your Child About How School Will Be Different Due to COVID-19

Explain to your child that school will be different this year. Help them understand so they know to expect it to be different. Explain that all of the changes they will see are to keep them, their teachers and their families healthy and safe.

## Points to consider discussing include:

- Students may be asked to sit only with siblings or alone in a seat on the school bus
- Temperatures checked upon arrival at school
- Social distancing will be expected in the classroom, lunchroom, playground and in the hallway and bathrooms
- Desks will be farther apart
- Lunch may not take place in the cafeteria, students may be having lunch in the classroom
- If lunch is served in the cafeteria, students will be spread out
- Break, recess and PE will be different
- There may be more breaks for hand washing during the day. Students may be asked to wash upon arrival, several times during the day and before going home
- Wearing masks may make it harder to understand what the teacher is saying. It may be harder for the teacher to understand students. It is important for students to let the teacher know if they are having difficulty hearing what is being said
- Discourage gathering before and after school
- Some families may choose home school or virtual learning so some of your friends may not be at school this fall

**School will be different this year.**

**It's important to talk with your child.**



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