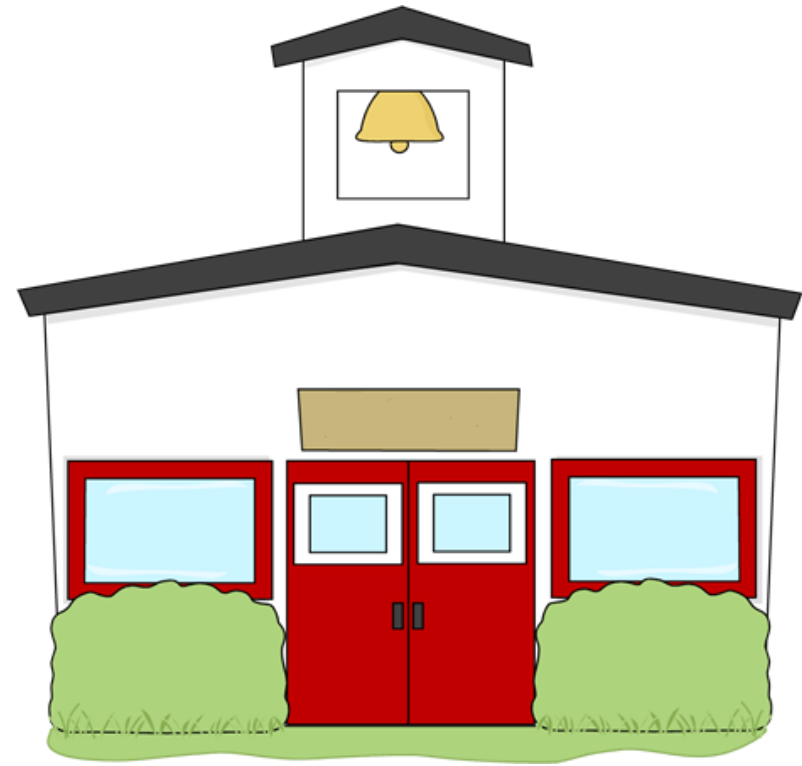
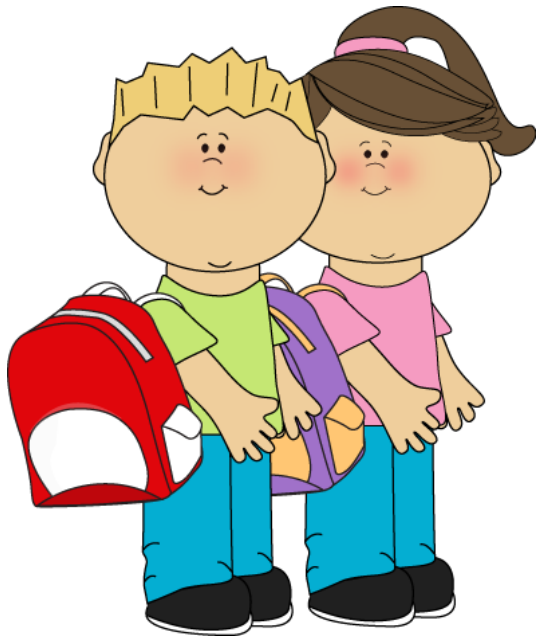


Returning to school

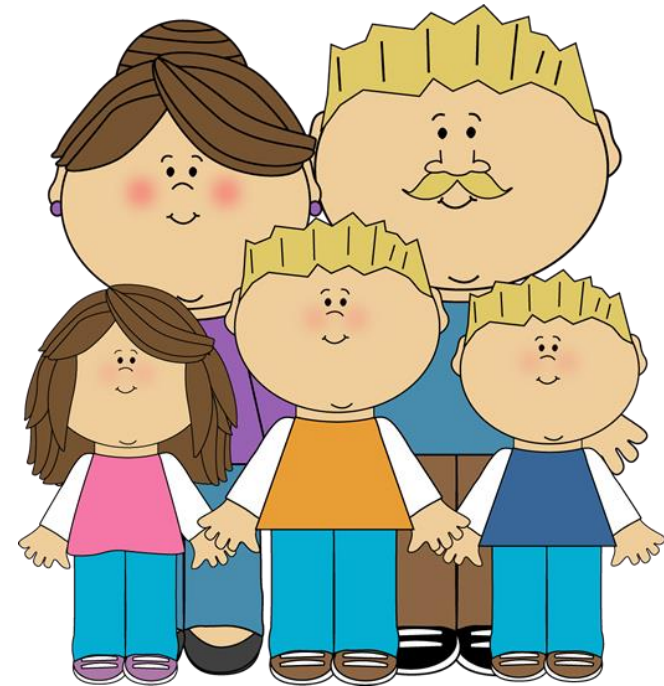
Today is my first day back at school in a really long time.

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The world caught a germ, so I have been staying at home with my family to help myself, and those around me, stay safe and healthy.

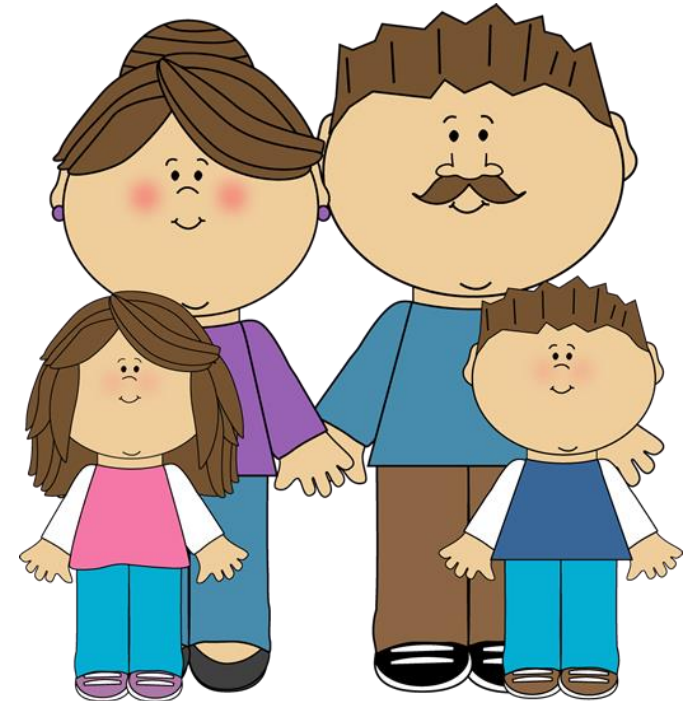
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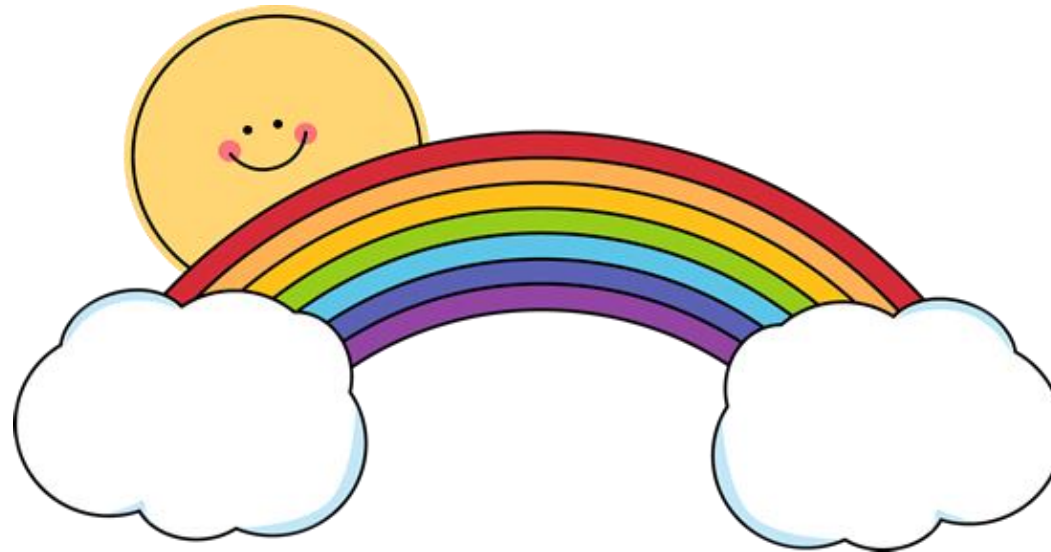
This meant that I couldn't go to school, so instead I learnt from home.



Online learning was very different to learning at school,
but I know my family and I did the best that we could
do.

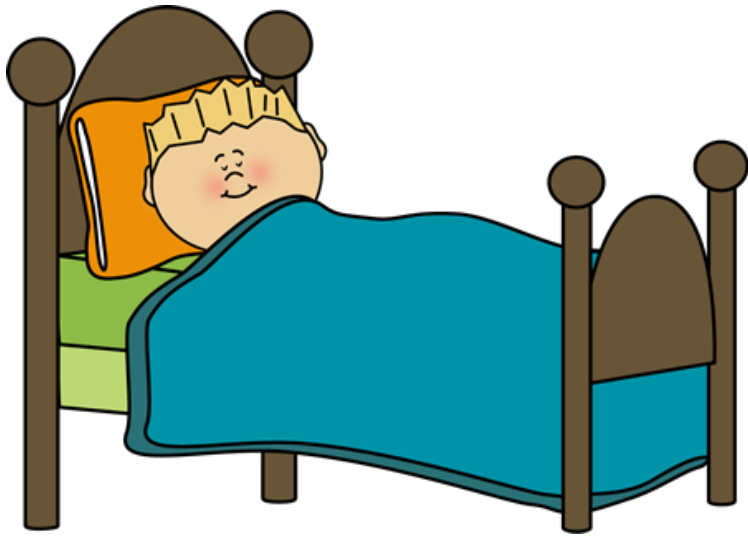


Although, at times, learning from home might have been challenging, there were lots of positives!



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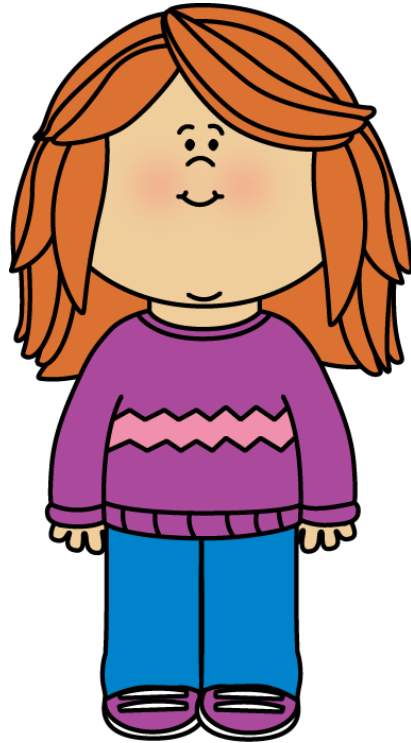
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spend more time playing.

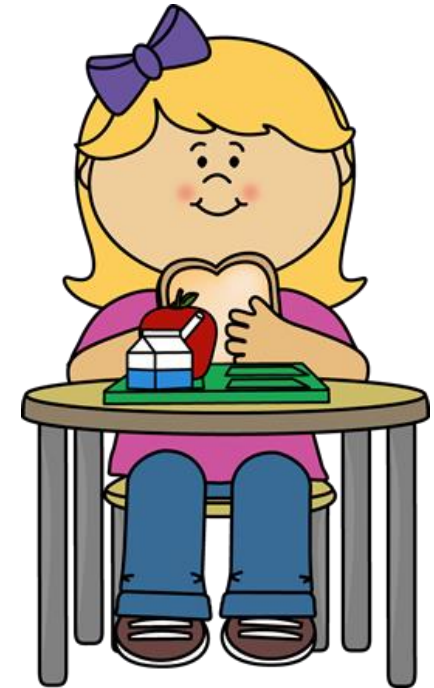
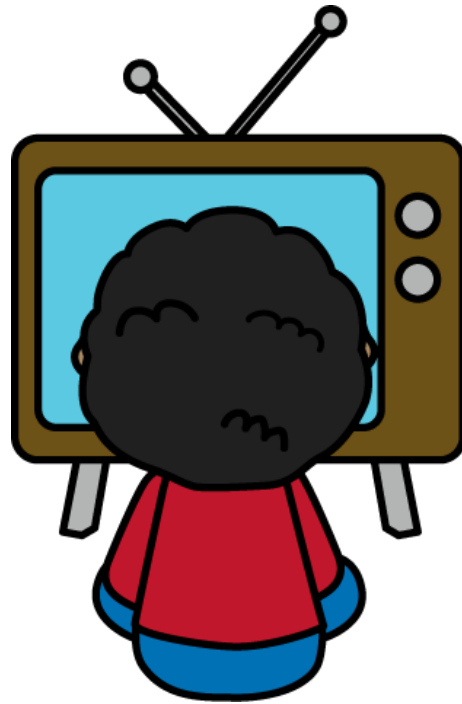
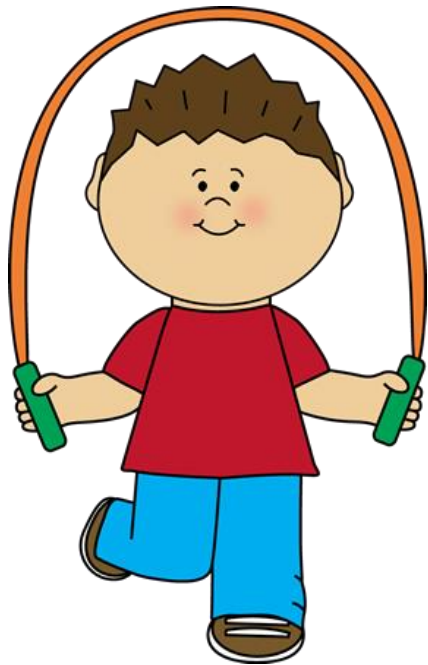


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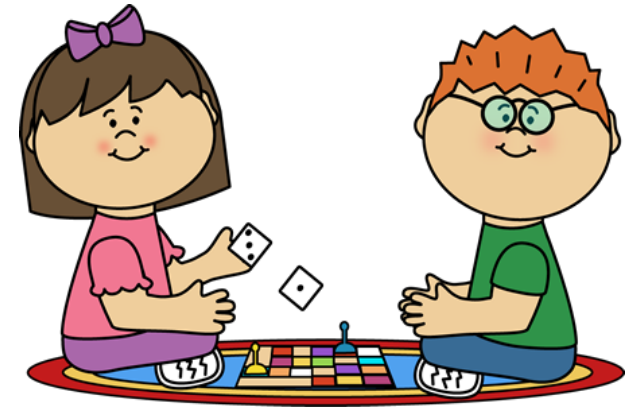
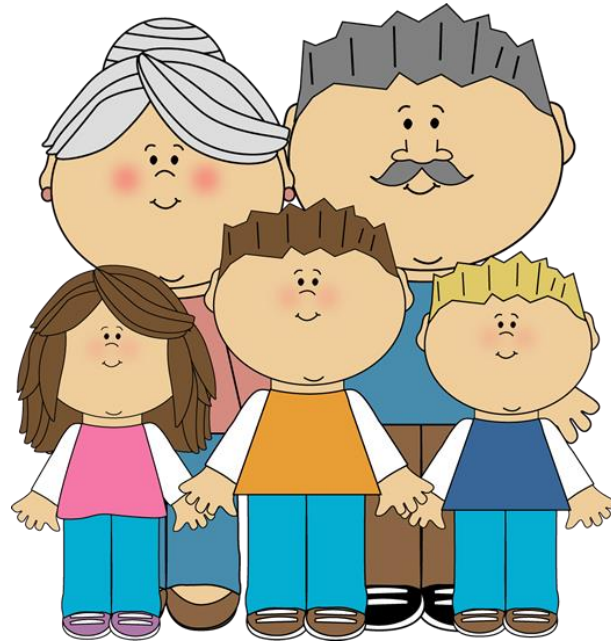
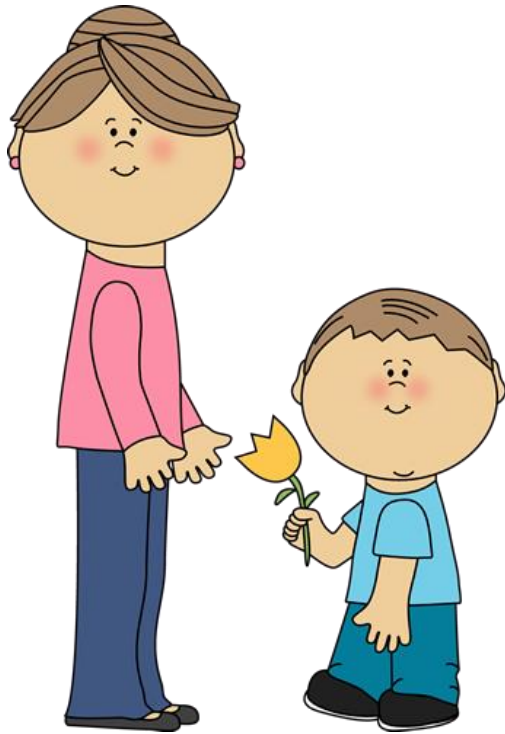
take breaks whenever I felt like it,

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spend extra time with my family,

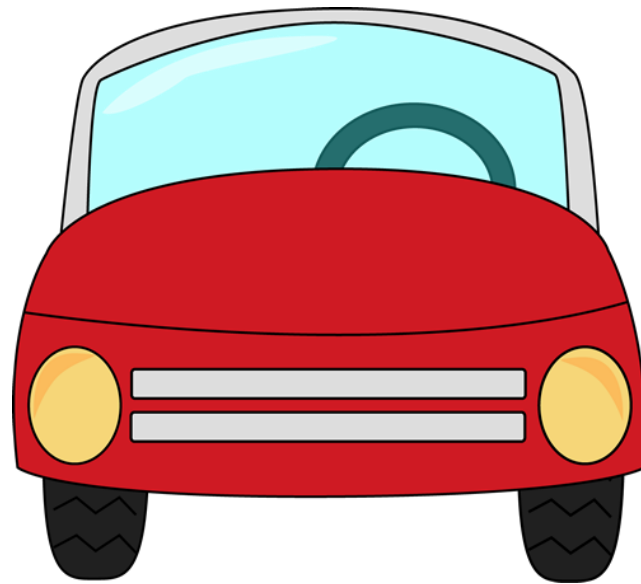
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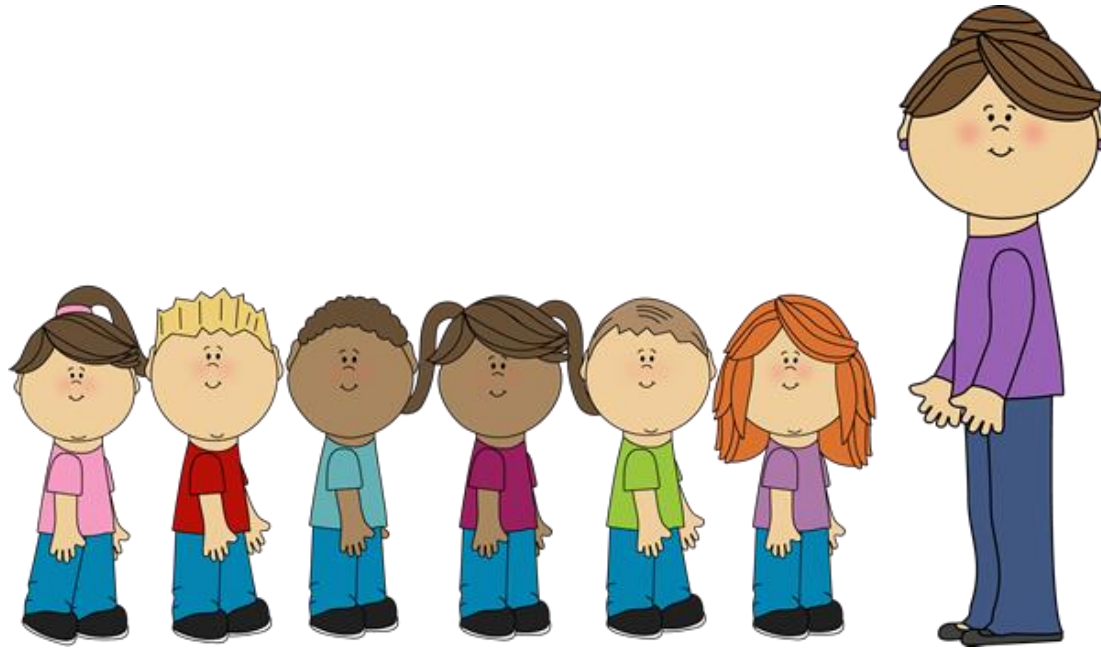
and I also got to choose where I sat.



Things are starting to return to normal now though. We are allowed to leave the house more and learning at home has come to an end.



Even though I may miss some of the benefits of learning from home, I am excited to be back at school, especially because I can finally see my friends and teachers again.

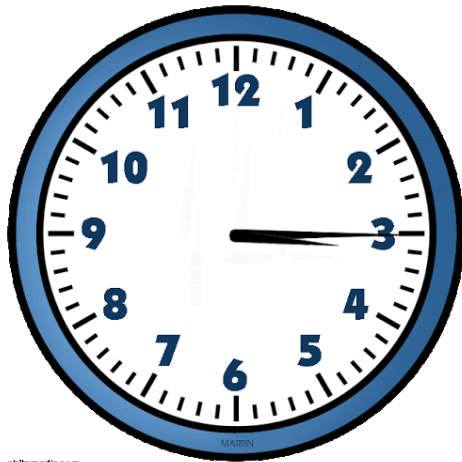


My friends and teachers have missed me too.

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Things will be a little bit different at school. There will be new rules to help keep all of us healthy, including different finishing times, limited sharing of items and lots and lots of washing our hands.



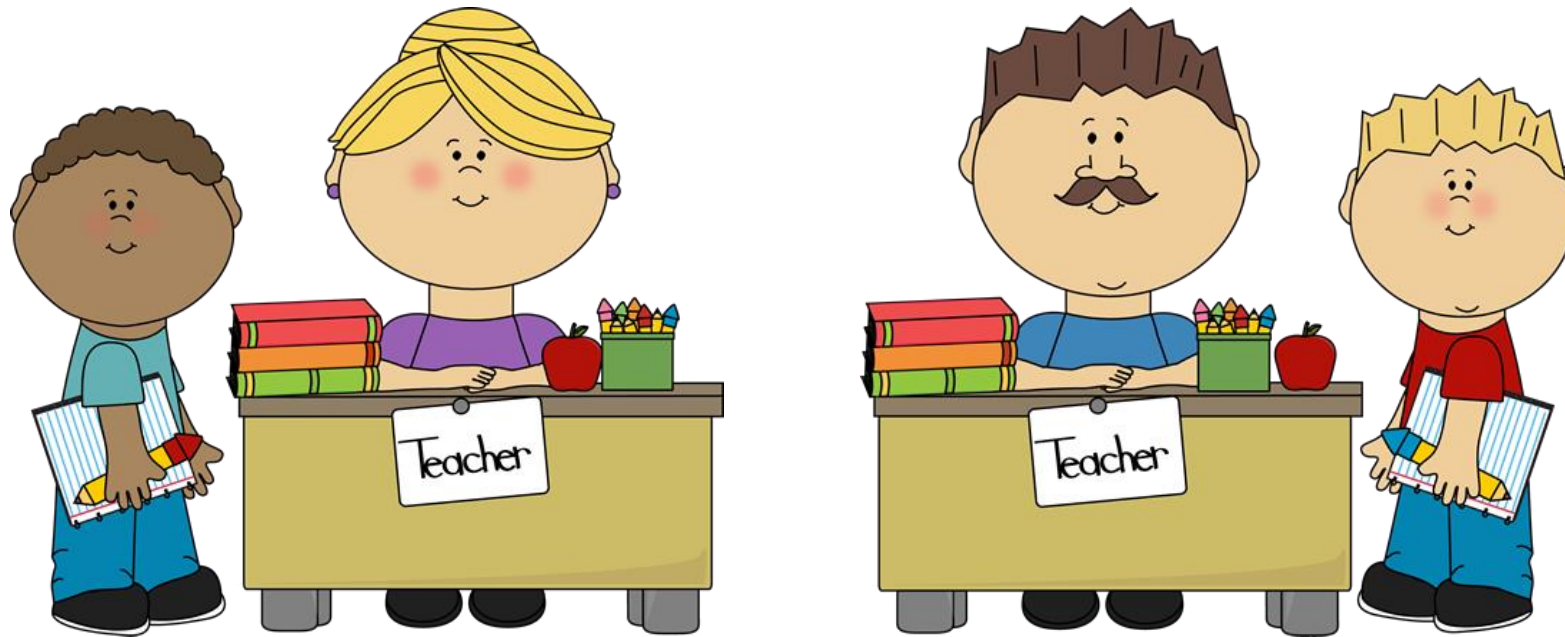
We might not be able to do some of the things that we used to do at school, but we know this won't last forever.

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Nonetheless, I know that the teachers and school staff will be there to guide and help me, particularly if I'm ever feeling a bit down or worried.

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Slowly, we will get back into routine and our normal classroom learning.

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The most important thing is to keep safe, stay positive
and continue to try my best! We are all in this together!

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