

# ***BACK TO SCHOOL: COVID 19***



**A guide/story for the younger kids.**

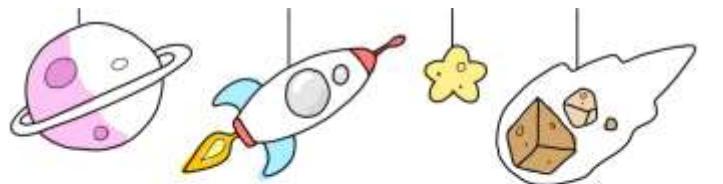
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Something strange has happened.  
something very UNUSUAL...  
Even more unusual than aliens from  
Mars  
taking over our planet.



Hello!



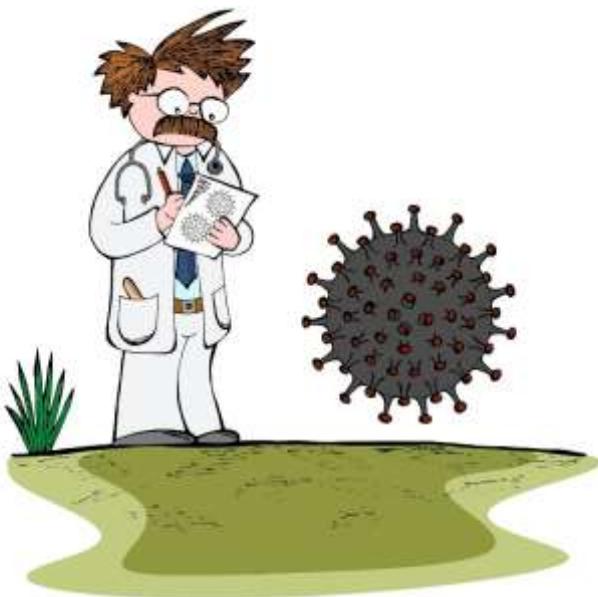
Hello FRIEND!!!

The earth's new guest is no on other  
than a green **VIRUS**,  
and a virus we all know  
is something that no one can **see**,  
except with a special **microscope**  
which rhymes with **telescope**.

If you look at his photo  
he is a very ugly guy,  
with pointy stingers and teeth,  
he **growls**  
and is quite a **clingy** fellow.



The good news is scientists,  
is **hard at work**  
to create a new medicine  
that will kick the virus bot.



You know - like the ro-bot!

If you asked me  
and nobody ever does,  
I do not know why everybody is  
so concerned,  
this Corona dude is the coolest  
guy!

Why, you ask?  
Guess, guess

...

the little green dude closed  
SCHOOL!!



But

Then something even more terrible  
happened,  
we were not allowed to get pizza,  
three-piece chicken,  
an ice cream swirl,  
go to the movies,  
or even the zoo.

I wanted to **cry and stomp my feet!**

Then something even worse  
happened,

My mother became my teacher,  
and instead of lunch break,  
now I have **CHORES!**



**O chicken leg, O vegetable soup**  
My mommy takes being the  
teacher **WAY** to serious,  
she screams so hard that our ears  
**sizzle**,  
and the parrot **whizzles!**

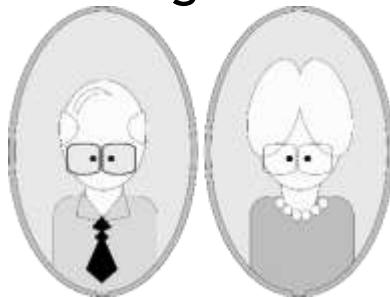


*Enough is enough!*  
Even our dad says so,  
he tried lying down to watch a movie,  
and then mom started to nag and nag  
and nag some more,  
**now**  
*dad pulls a weed here,  
and digs a hole there,  
and my mom is so glad that he is  
working,  
she serves him coffee for his  
pleasure.*



I even called grandma,  
she stays in another province,  
and we may not come to visit,  
maybe she had a plan with mom.  
Mom is her child after-all!

Instead of plans,  
Grandma complains about  
Grandpa,  
who cannot stop growling,  
and grunting,  
it is driving her insane.



Yesterday we got the best news.

School is going to start soon!  
Wow, what a relief!

The teacher sends the following letter,



Next page to read:

- 1. Every child at school needs a cloth mask!**
- 2. If you cough or even greet, use your ELBOW!!**
- 3. Stay 1.5 meters away from your friends.**
- 4. A teacher will take your fever.**
- 5. Your hands, your suitcase, and your shoes will be sanitized.**
- 6. If you go to bathroom WASH your hands with SOAP for TWENTY counts. Can you count to 20?**
- 7. Complete a questionnaire. Do you feel sick? Are you experiencing shortness of breath? Do you have a sore throat? Were you close to anybody with a corona in the last 14 days?**

All the rules make my head  
confused.

I am so scared I will forget them  
but I am glad my teacher is there,  
and she never gets mad at me like  
mommy!

The best of all  
with my mask on,  
I can sneak a sweet into my  
mouth,  
and I don't have to swallow a  
yawn away  
because nobody can see me!

Now you also know how to keep safe.

Remember eating healthy, exercising regularly, and keeping your mask on, coughing, and greeting with your elbow.



If you are still unsure ask your TEACHER or you MUM.