

General transition back to school following COVID-19 closures

Following attachment friendly approaches and **Recovery Curriculum** principles: Relationships – Community - Transparent Curriculum – Metacognition - Space

Session	Outcomes	Activities	Resources	Key	Follow up Task
				Themes	
1	I share our experiences of lockdown and link to our emotions.	Sharing transitional objects brought from home (previously requested, e.g. comforting toy/teddy) and using to sing and sign (Makaton) 'Hello Song'.	Pre-intervention assessment – child, parent/carer and staff versions		Children to share lockdown wheel (photo of) with a family member
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBBrf4gLy4c	Transitional objects from home	Su	and ask them one thing that made them feel
		Share own transitional object (puppet) and share simple lockdown wheel (timeline) – ensure to focus on before and after lockdown events being the same so that children know that in the future we will be able to	Large lockdown wheel as example – previously completed – with adult's experiences and emotions added	and emotions	happy during lockdown.
		do these activities again.	Large lockdown wheel for group	ences s	
		Label events and emotions on group wheel using children's ideas and experiences.	Puppet	Experier	
		•	Emotion prompts/visuals		
	We can	Use lockdown wheel to share one thing each child is looking forward to be able to do again (from 'after' labelled events).	Photo of complete lockdown wheel – copy each to take home		



2		Sing and sign (Makaton) 'Hello Song'.	INCRA activity chosen by one child in group (each		Children to complete
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBBrf4gLy4c	child to have a turn to choose INCRA activity in		Happy Visualisation
			subsequent sessions – remember to ask child whose		activity - ELSA -
		INCRA activity to connect and regulate and sharing of	turn it is next session what INCRA activity they want		https://www.elsa-
	.S	follow up task.	to do at the end of this session – so that		support.co.uk/happy-
	io		activity/resources can be prepared). Examples of		visualisation/
	Jot	Show group lockdown wheel completed last session –	INCRA activities are colouring, playdoh etc.		(send photocopy home
	en	use to focus on what we liked and didn't like about			and save copy as needed
	one	lockdown/what made us feel happy and what made us	Group lockdown wheel created last session		for 5).
	þ	feel sad.			
	녿		Large happy and sad faces – <a href="https://www.elsa-">https://www.elsa-</a>		
	<u>≔</u> P	Use big happy and sad faces to sort printed	support.co.uk/downloads/emotion-cards-emotion-	SI	
	an	pictures/statements about aspects of lockdown and to	posters-item-165/	Experiences and emotions	
	Š Z	stimulate discussion. If children suggest own		not	
	ê	statements, add to blank strips and sort.	Pictures/statements about aspects of lockdown	en	
	<del>\</del> 20			and	
	<u>)</u>	Deepen or extend discussion by adding the word	Blank strips of paper for children's suggested	es s	
	es (	'because' to the end of each sentence. This may	statements	Šuč	
	Ö	prompt thinking, reasoning and more complex ideas		erie	
	erie	and language.		ž X	
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	r e	End session by focusing on the statements/pics under			
	no	the happy face. Take photo and explain that we are			
	are	going to send to some children in different year groups			
	sh	who are still at home – to remind them that there are			
	gu	things to feel happy about.			
	We can share our experiences of lockdown and link to our emotions.	timings to recrimppy about.			
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3	We can recognise what is different and the same about school.	<ul> <li>Sing and sign (Makaton) 'Hello Song'.         https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBBrf4gLy4c     </li> <li>INCRA activity to connect and regulate and sharing of follow up task.</li> <li>Use puppet to read Back to School Social Story</li> <li>Complete same and different sorting activity using visual timetable symbols – comparing school before lockdown and now, e.g. toilets, play times, home time, friends etc.</li> </ul>	INCRA activity Puppet  Back to School Social Story (adapt for setting before session)  Visual timetable symbols or download from: <a href="https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/early-years-visual-timetable-symbols-widgit-cip2-6110418">https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/early-years-visual-timetable-symbols-widgit-cip2-6110418</a> Hoops for sorting	Relationships and emotions	Children to take copy of Back to School Social Story home to share with family.
4	We know ways to help us to calm if we are feeling worried, angry or very sad.	<ul> <li>Sing and sign (Makaton) 'Hello Song'.         https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBBrf4gLy4c     </li> <li>INCRA activity to connect and regulate and sharing of follow up task.</li> <li>Share George's Story with children and discuss.</li> <li>Share video clip of George asking the children to make a sensory box to help him to calm when he is feeling sad or missing his family. Explain that we will make one for George and then also make one each.</li> <li>Make George's sensory box as group and then record a clip to send in reply to George showing him the completed sensory box.</li> </ul>	INCRA activity  ELSA Separation Anxiety Pack (for George's Story)  https://www.elsa- support.co.uk/downloads/separation-anxiety-item- 371/  'George' video clip  Decorated box and items based on senses to include in box - see suggestions https://www.elsa- support.co.uk/calming-basket-what-to-put-in-it/	Emotion regulation	Children to ask family member (with support from staff) for a photo to include in their sensory boxes (needed for next session) – e.g. photo of pet, photo of family etc.



5	g <sub>L</sub>	•	Sing and sign (Makaton) 'Hello Song'. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBBrf4gLy4c	INCRA activity		Children to use scenario cards to role play use of
	e feelir	•	INCRA activity to connect and regulate and sharing of	'George's' thank you card to children		sensory boxes to calm – adult to model and
	we ar ad.		follow up task.	Boxes and craft resources to decorate		support.
	alm if /ery s	•	Show and read George's thank you card to the children – thanking them for his sensory box and explaining how	Selection of sensory resources for children to choose from and include in their sensory boxes – see	ation	
	is to G		he has used it to help him to calm.	suggestions <a href="https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/calming-basket-what-to-put-in-it/">https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/calming-basket-what-to-put-in-it/</a>	regula	
	ways to help us to calm if we are feeling worried, angry or very sad.	•	Children to choose from selection of sensory items to put into their own sensory boxes and then complete, as	Photos from home (see follow up task from last	Emotion regulation	
	ways t		well as including Happy Visualisation sheets completed in session 1.	session) to include in sensory boxes	ш	
	We know v			Completed Happy Visualisation sheets completed in session 2 follow up task		
	We			Scenario cards for sensory box role play (for follow up task)		
6		•	Sing and sign (Makaton) 'Hello Song'.	INCRA activity		Children to send scanned
	and		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBBrf4gLy4c	Social Story – Some of our friends are in a different	_	copies of completed Friends Little Book to
	We can connect with our friends and adults in different ways.	•	INCRA activity to connect and regulate and sharing of follow up task.	classroom	Relationships and connection	chosen friend in different bubble/classroom –
	our f		Read Social Story – Some of our friends are in a	Lego mini figures – photos for ideas of how to use (for adult running session)	conr	ensure not to send physical copies.
	with	•	different classroom and use Lego mini figures to show		and	physical copies.
	n connect with our frien adults in different ways.		'social distancing' and link to our class 'bubble', explaining that we cannot play with friends or adults	Lego mini figures and props for children to explore	nship	
	n cor adult		outside of our class 'bubble' but they are still our	Friends Little Book https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/friends-little-book/	latior	
	/e cal		friends.	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	Re	
		•	Children to complete Friends Little Book choosing a			
			friend who is not in their 'bubble' to base it on.			



7	We can connect with our friends and adults in different ways.	<ul> <li>Sing and sign (Makaton) 'Hello Song'.         https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBBrf4gLy4c     </li> <li>INCRA activity to connect and regulate and sharing of follow up task.</li> <li>Remind children of chosen friend who they based their book on last session (friend not in class 'bubble').         Explain that we are going to draw/write surprise messages for them on the playground in chalk to let them know that we are thinking about them. Model example messages/drawings.     </li> </ul>	INCRA activity Chunky chalks	Relationships and connection	If possible, staff working in other class 'bubble' to take photos of children finding the chalk messages on playground and email to group to share with children.  Discuss how the surprise chalk messages might have made the other children feel.
8	We can recognise and celebrate the skills that we have learned.	<ul> <li>Building self-esteem – present each child with their unique affirmation card as a well done for completing the sessions.</li> <li>Refer to the activities completed and resources made and remind children how to use.</li> <li>Evaluation of sessions – what I feel better about/what I am still thinking about? Completion of post intervention assessment.</li> </ul>	Post intervention assessment  Superhero affirmation cards for young children - https://www.elsa- support.co.uk/downloads/affirmation-cards-for- young-children-item-229/  Previously completed resources	Summary and evaluation	Children to keep and share superhero affirmation cards with family.