

Hello , I am Laila an 11 year old girl (year 6)and on the junior Zambia committee . Last week I went back to school for the first time in 11 weeks . I know you are thinking that that is a longer number of weeks than lock down in the uk has been , but my brother hani has been and is still a vulnerable child to Covid-19.

At first, when my parents told me that i would be off school, before everyone else , i thought it would be really fun to be homeschooled. But after a few days I was really missing my friends and that school community . When i heard that nearly every child in my school would not be going there any more for the foreseeable future , i felt that i was normal again and would be doing the same work as them.

After a few weeks me and my ,13 year old ,brother had got into a routine :

8:30 - Wake up

9:00- school starts

10:30- break time

11:00-back to school

13:00- lunch

2:00- back to work

3:30 - end of school

We were working around my brother's secondary school time table . I think that the fact that we had a routine helped our mind set and made us think that we were more like at school.

Later,I realised that an 11 year old only has to do 2 hours a day , so as you can imagine I was flying through my work and was setting myself more work to do.

Then i heard the news that years reception/yr1 and year 6 would be going back to school on june 1st, i was super excited and nervous all at once. I don't really know why I was nervous , I guess it is because I had not been out properly or met up with my friends.

When i arrived at school it was strange but somehow it felt normal.We are not allowed to socialize with anyone out of our bubble, we rarely leave our desks and have everything that we might need in a tray next to

us. At break time and lunch times we split the field and top playground into three sections and have to stay with our bubble in one of those sections .

School has changed (alot) but it almost feels like it never was different . I only have 7 people in my class and have to keep two meters apart from everyone else, but i am so happy to be back at school and learning again.

Thank you for reading , laila