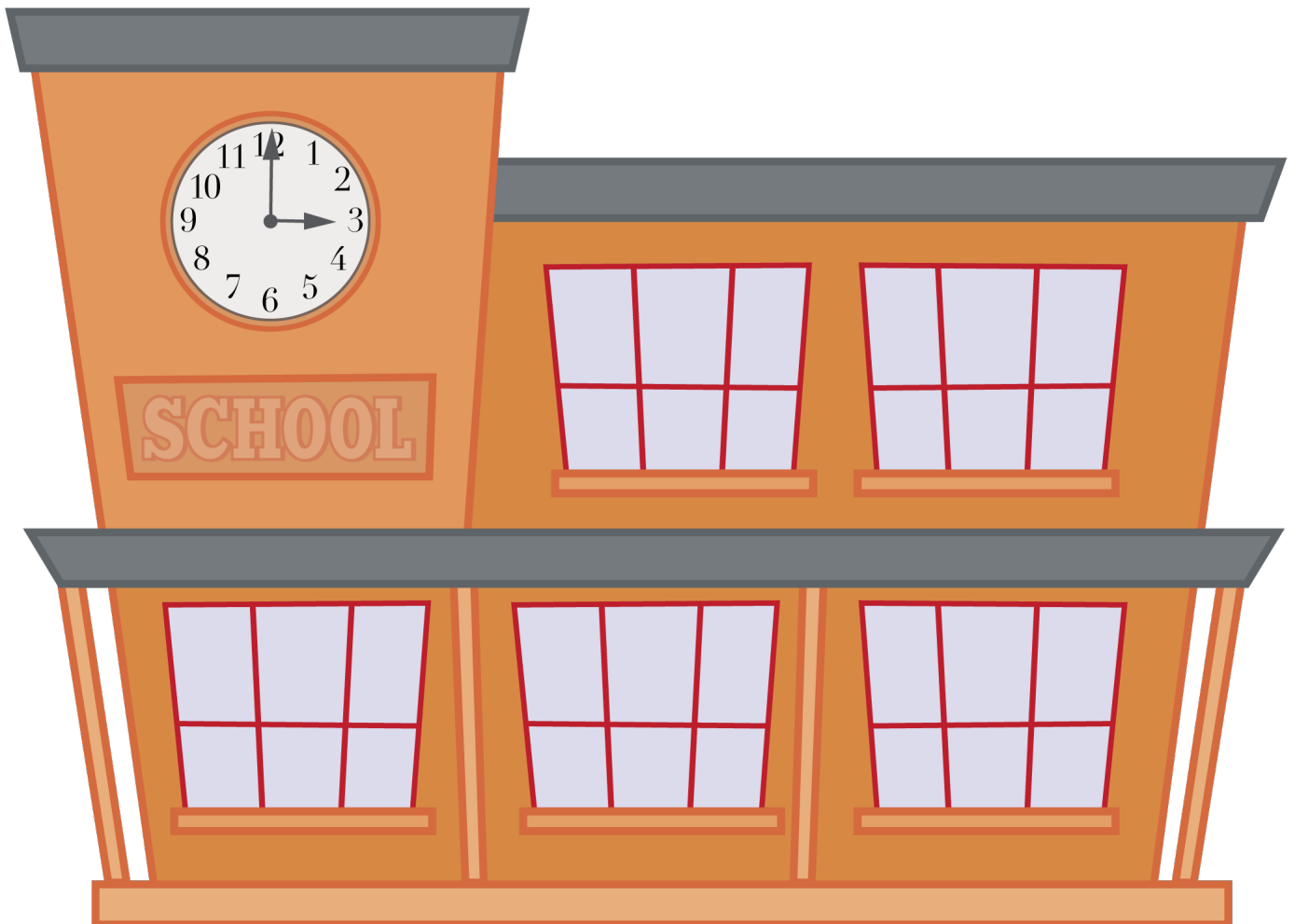


# Going Back To School



The coronavirus is a virus that has been making people feel very poorly.



The coronavirus is also called Covid-19.

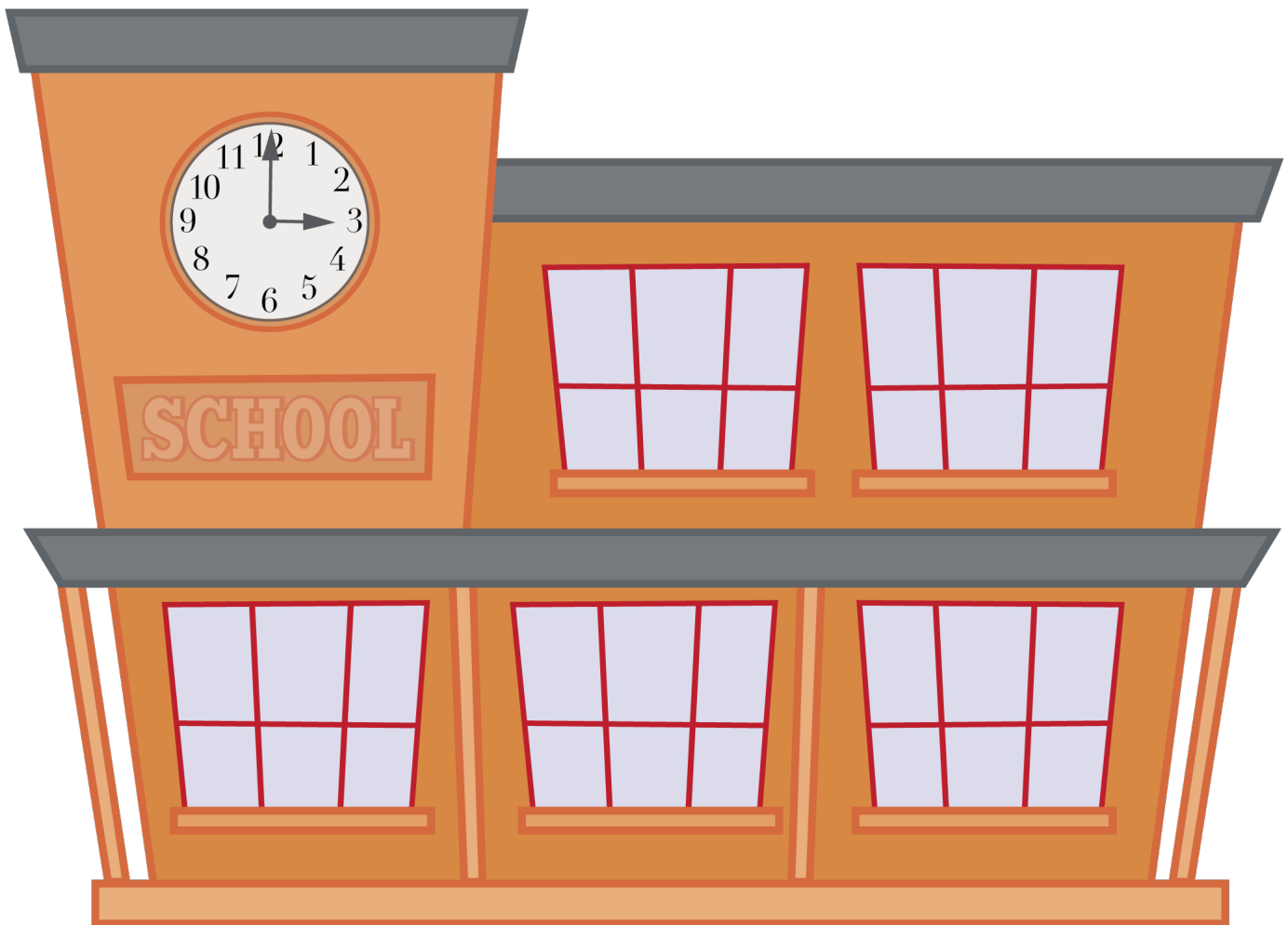
Because of the coronavirus we have all been in lockdown. This means that we have not been able to leave our homes.



However, now the doctors have agreed that it is safe to start going back to school.



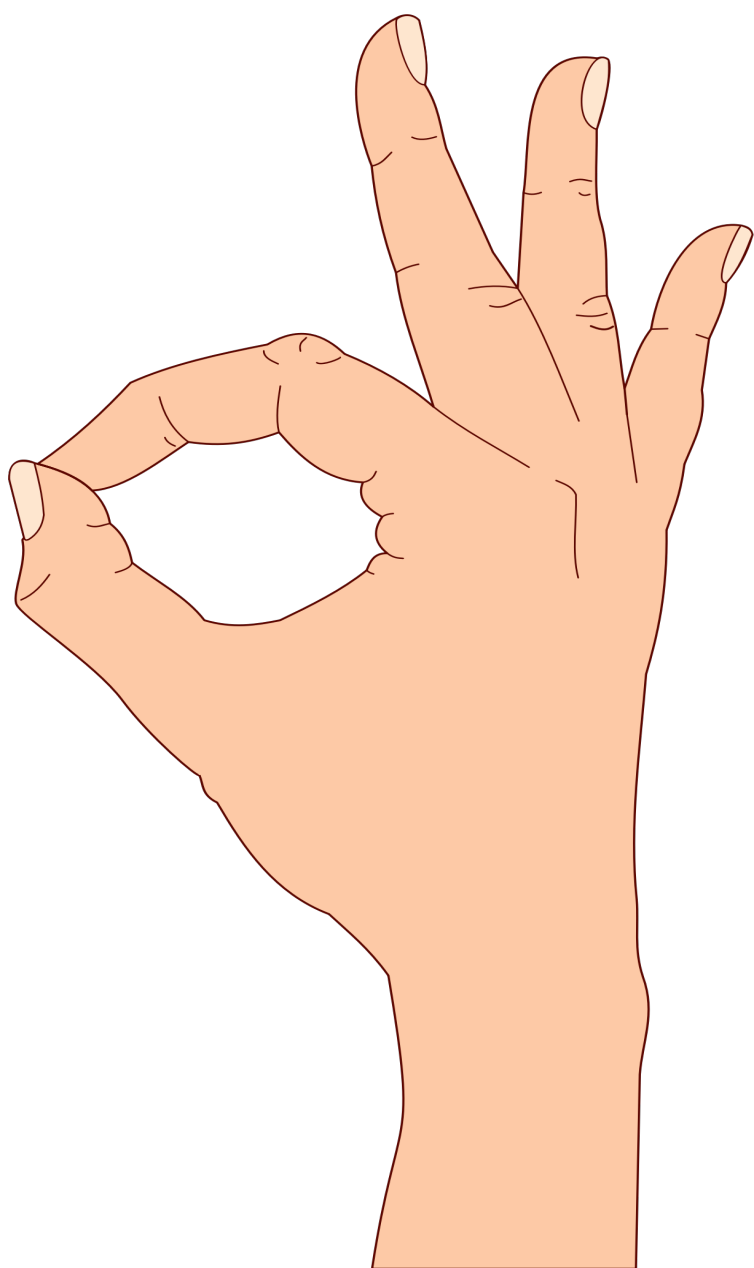
I have been enjoying being at home all the time and going back to school is going to feel very different.



Although I am excited about going back to school, I am also very nervous because I have been at home for a long time.



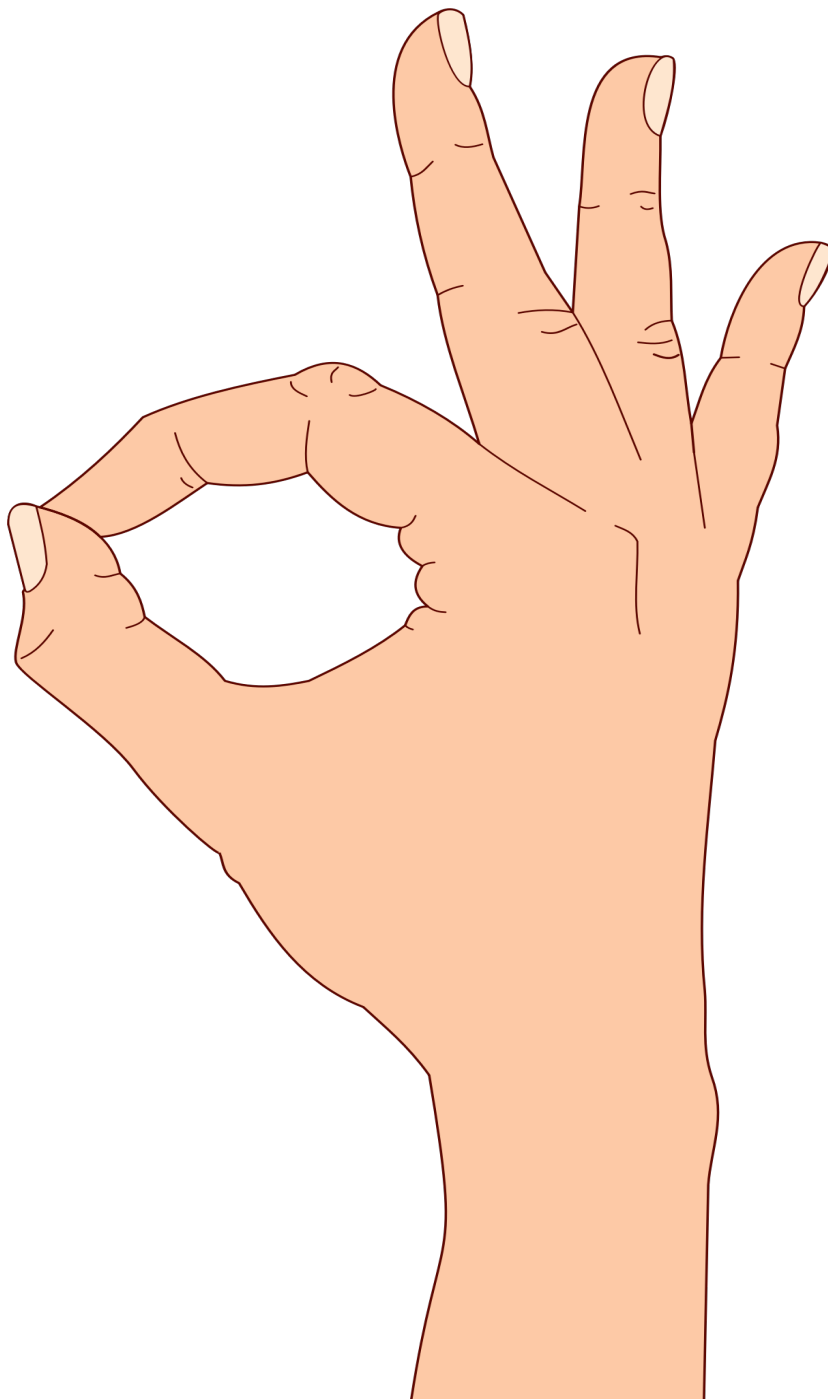
It is OK to feel nervous,  
everyone will be feeling nervous  
about going back to school and  
my teachers will be there to  
make us feel better.



It will be really great to see my friends and my teachers again.



When I go back to school things  
will be a bit different. This is  
OK, it is just to keep everyone  
safe.



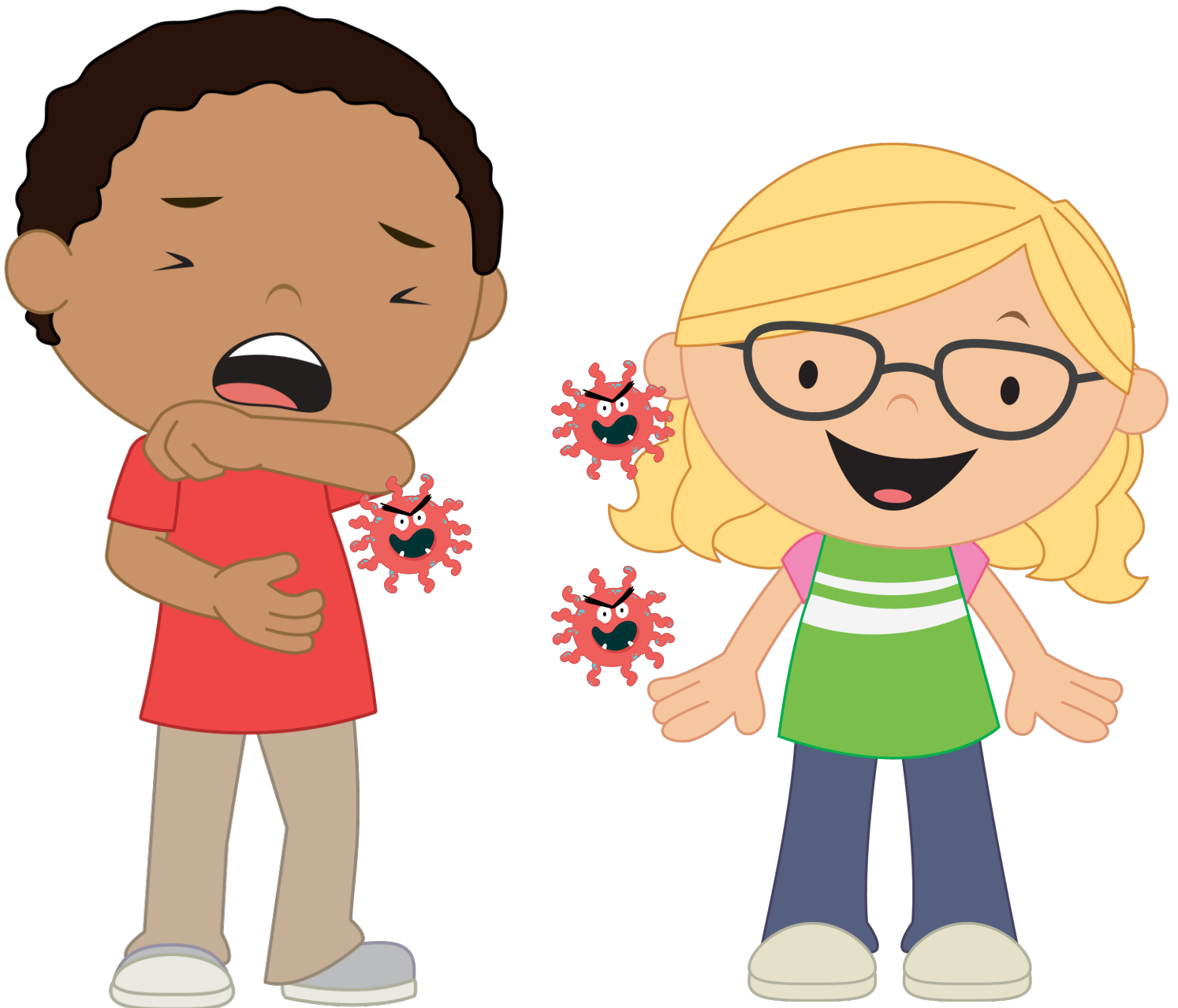
When we first go back to school  
we will not go back full time.  
We may go for just a few hours  
a day or we may go for just a  
few days a week.



When I am not in school I can still do my learning from home the way that I have been.



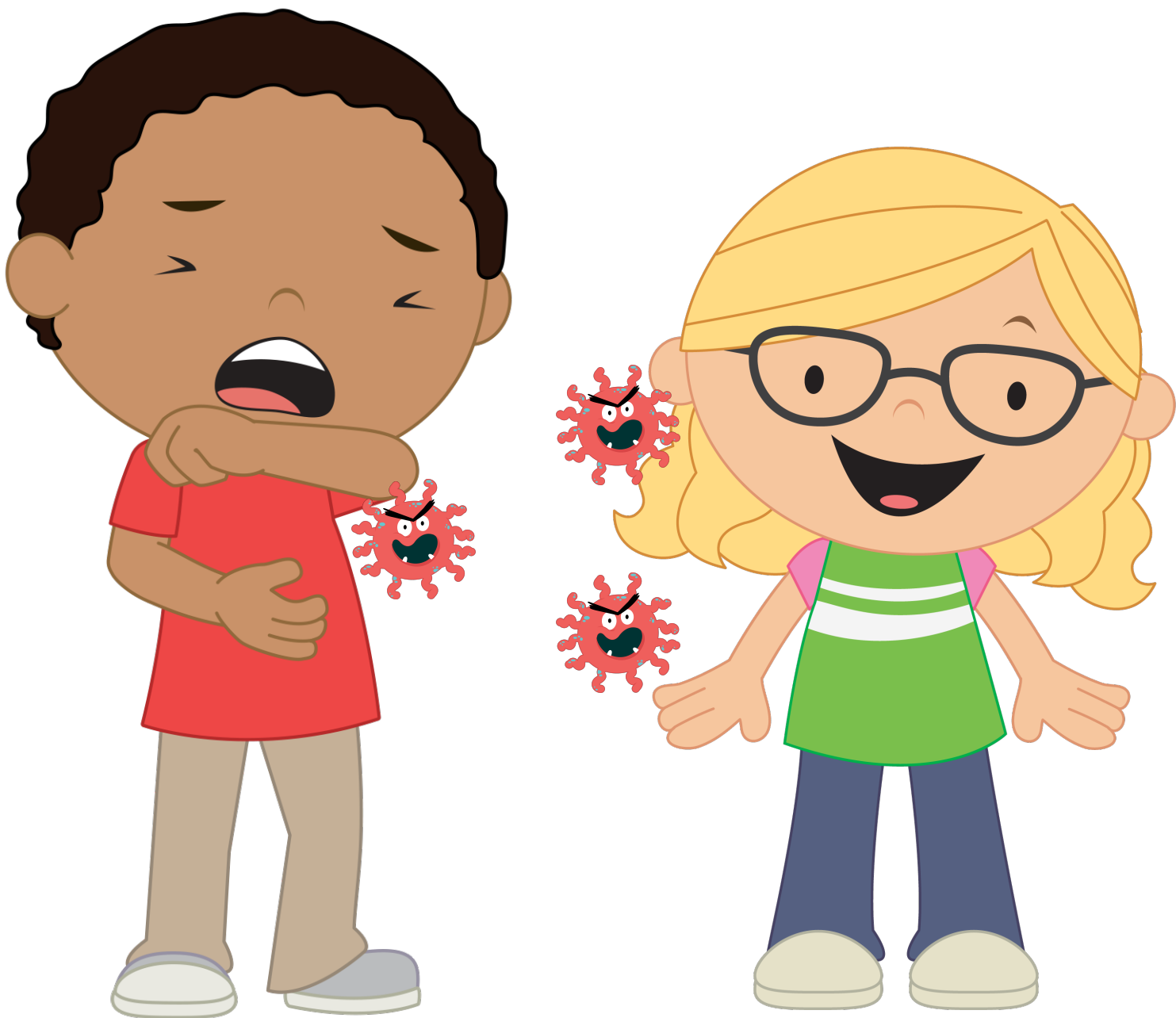
The coronavirus is very contagious. This means that it spreads from one person to another.



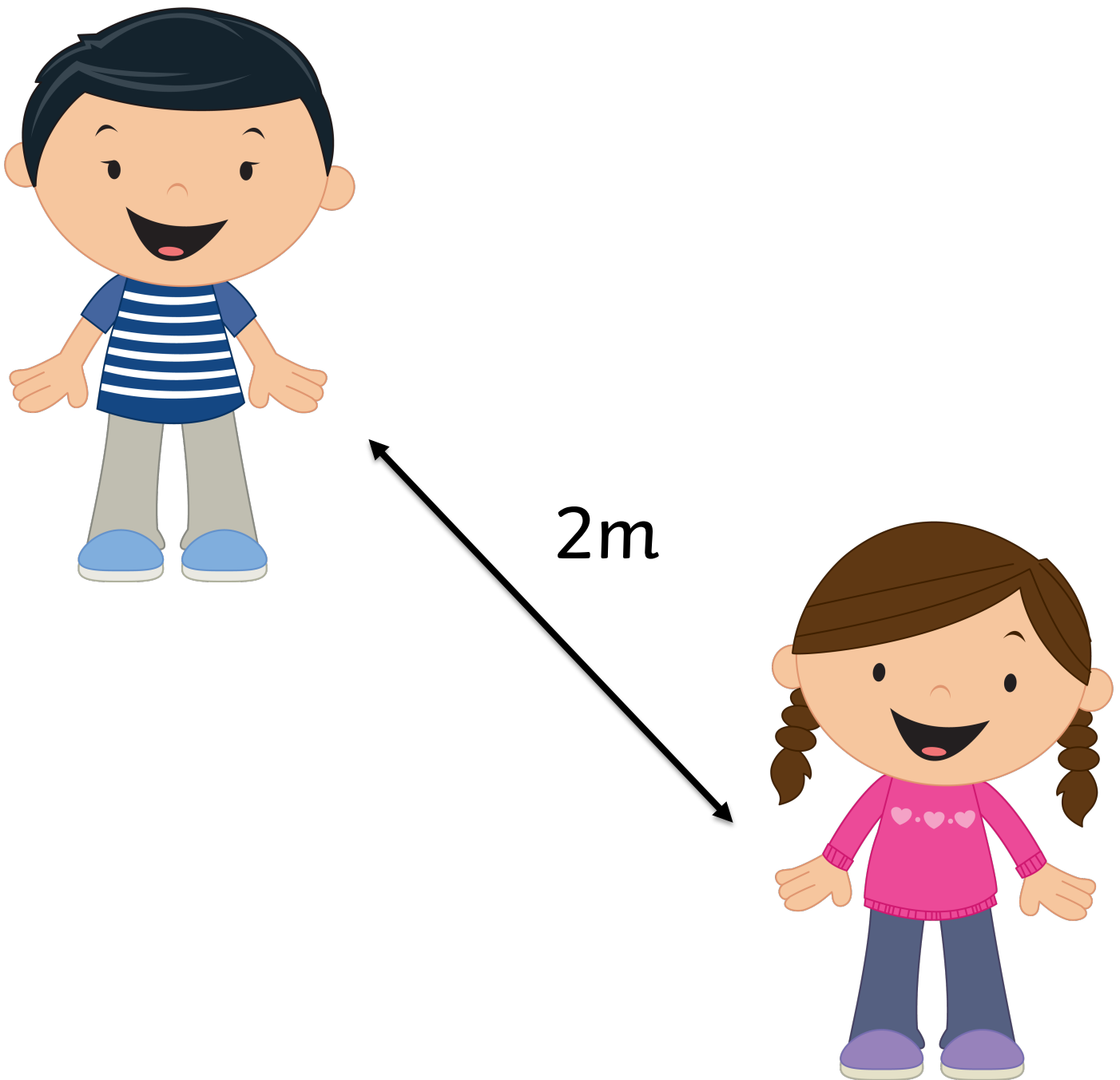
To stop germs spreading when we are at school there will be lots of new rules and routines.



Germs can only spread from one person to another when we stand close to each other.



That means that when I am at school we will all have to stand with a 2 metre gap between us.



This means that when I play  
with my friends, we cannot  
stand too close to each other.



It also means that I cannot stand too close to my teacher.



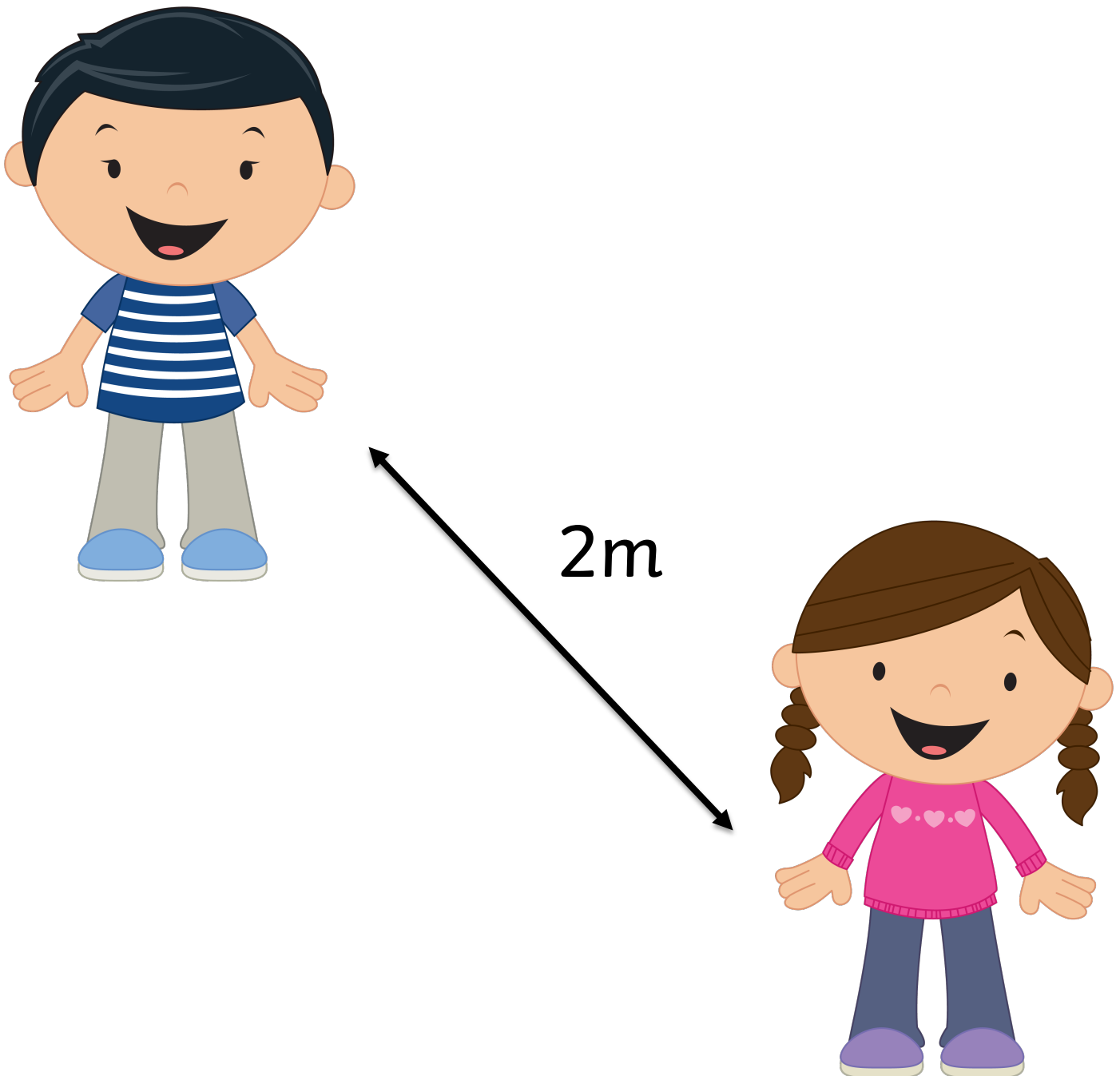
I may want to hug my friends  
and my teacher because it has  
been so long since I have seen  
them but I will not be able to  
hug anyone.



I may want to hold hands with my friends or my teacher but I will not be able to hold hands with anyone.



It is really important that I remember to stay 2 metres apart from everyone else.



To help me and my friends stay  
2 metres apart my classes will  
be smaller with less people.



This means that some people at school might not be in their usual classroom.



This is OK. We are all safe.

This means that some people  
might be taught by a different  
teacher to usual.

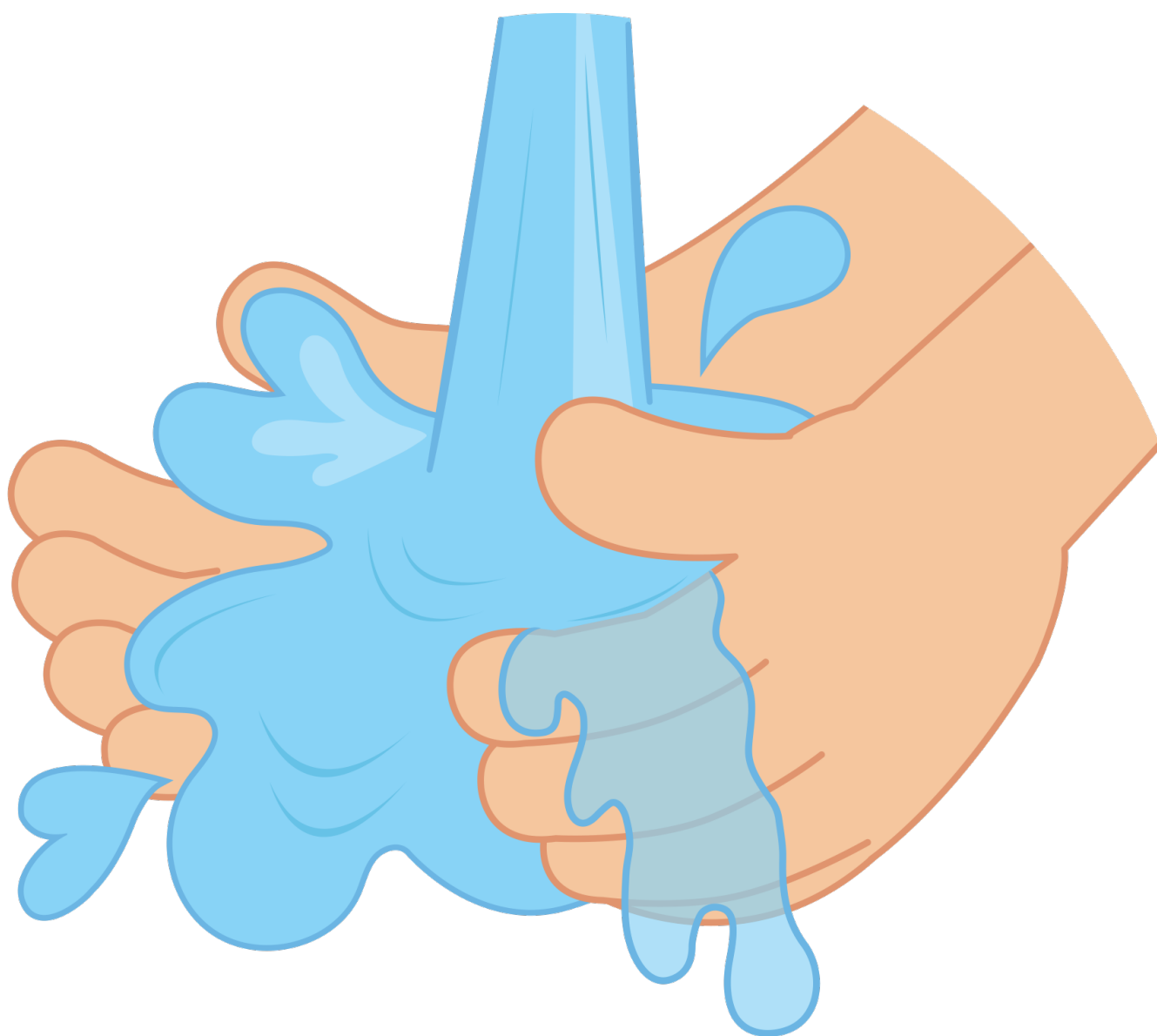


This is OK. We are all safe.

When I am at school I will need to wash my hands regularly to make sure there are no germs on them.



My teacher may be setting a routine for us to wash our hands a few times a day.



I should wash my hands with  
soap and water all over the back  
and front of my hands and  
between my fingers.



It might feel strange being at school with all these new rules and routines but it will be great to be with my friends and my teachers again.



I will be happy being back at  
school.

