

WHY CAN'T I GO TO SCHOOL?

A PRINTABLE STORY

To keep staff and students safe and minimize the spread of COVID-19, many schools around the world have closed their doors. For children, this abrupt disruption to routine can feel confusing and scary. This printable story answers the question, "Why Can't I Go to School?" in simple and reassuring terms.

Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor Abbi Kruse developed this resource to answer the question, "Why Can't I Go to School?" for students at her own early learning center in Madison, Wisconsin. The story was then translated into multiple languages by students and staff in the University of Wisconsin System.

For children (and adults), predictability and routine feel safe. Sudden change is often scary and leaves children feeling anxious. Anxiety is soothed with information, so it's helpful to answer children's questions and explain why their usual routines have changed.

However, talking to young children about COVID-19 is challenging, especially when we remain worried and uncertain ourselves. This simple story gives you the reassuring language and age-appropriate information to help children understand why they can't go to school right now.

Remember, too, that reading a story can always represent a precious moment of connection. Be present as you read the story with your child, enjoying your time together. Connection translates into increased cooperation, willingness, and impulse control. During these unprecedented times, connection with our loved ones is more valuable than ever.

800.842.2846 Conscious Discipline.com





Created by Abbi Kruse & The Playing Field, Madison, WI

800.842.2846 ConsciousDiscipline.com







I like to play with my friends.



800.842.2846 ConsciousDiscipline.com



My teachers love me a lot.



800.842.2846 Conscious Discipline.com



I can't go to school right now.



800.842.2846 ConsciousDiscipline.com



At school there are a lot of other children.



800.842.2846 Conscious Discipline.com



When a lot of children are together, they sometimes share their sneezes and coughs.



800.842.2846 Conscious Discipline.com



Sharing sneezes and coughs can make everyone sick.



800.842.2846 Conscious Discipline.com



I am staying home until all my friends and my teachers are healthy.

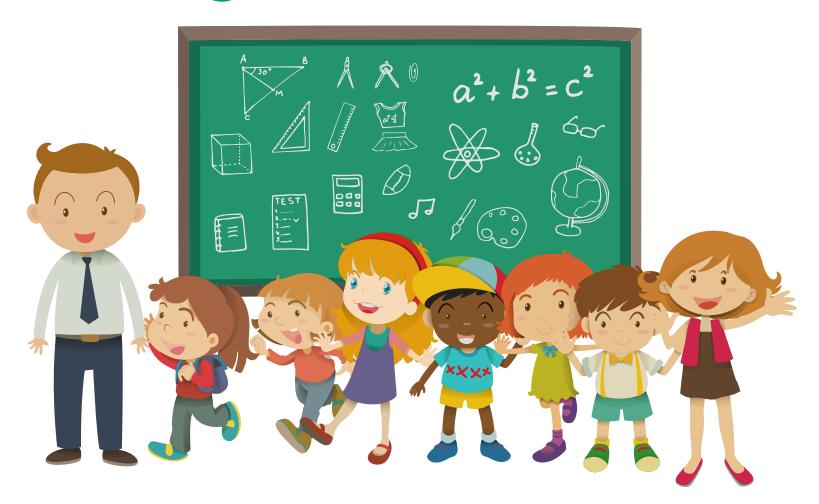




800.842.2846 Conscious Discipline.com



When everyone is healthy, we can go back to school.



800.842.2846 Conscious Discipline.com



My teachers love me and they are thinking of me.



800.842.2846 Conscious Discipline.com