

transitioning back into the classroom

Keep your classroom healthy - encouraging physical distancing using furniture and layout

Whether in a single-cell classroom or a larger open plan learning space, you can use clever layouts and placement of furniture, along with a strict cleaning regime to ensure you and your students are practising safe physical distancing, and keeping your environment healthy for all.

Keeping a clean regime

You don't need to rush out and buy expensive cleaners and constantly spray your furniture with disinfectant, hot soapy water will suffice. Implementing regular wipe-downs and hand washing will ensure your space stays clean and safe for everyone. Involve students - have them take responsibility for cleaning the space. Our comprehensible downloadable **cleaning guide** gives clear instructions about how to care for every Furnware product.



Furnware Cleaning Care Guide

<https://www.furnware.com/cleaning-care-guide>

Have some breathing space

As has been highlighted by the government and educators, 1-meter distances between students may not be achievable in many classrooms due to space restrictions. The most workable solution is to reconfigure your space to support multiple 'moist breath zones', where students aren't breathing on or touching each other.



Use Spacemakers™ to easily and creatively divide spaces.

Say hello with a non-contact greeting

- Wave
- Air high-five
- Short dance routine
- Eyebrow raise
- Sing a verse each of your favourite song
- Come up with a call like a cowboy (yippee ki-yay)
- Decide what your favourite animal is and make people greet you with your chosen animal call from a distance.

Learn together, apart

Students have missed their classmates in the classroom. It may be difficult for younger age children to understand how to navigate this new physical distancing in the classroom. They can't, for the moment, sit where they used to with their buddies. To help guide your learners, you can use your furniture to zone your spaces and create defined areas that provide students with clear physical distancing directions.



Think about assigning small work groups a **colour or signage** so they understand where their designated workspace is.

Flexible table systems like our Switch Table System™ can be pulled apart for independent learning or smaller group bubbles and connected once social distancing rules have been relaxed.



Colourful vinyl-covered Cookie Pads are ideal to sit and work from the floor if you're short on space - and they're easy to clean. Use them as markers to identify safe physical distances for junior students.



Designated study carrels with their high sides create a shield from other learners. Students could design something similar for their traditional desk using cardboard.



Use your furniture to create spaces within spaces. Mobile book and display units and classroom dividers like Spacemakers™ can separate work areas.



Get in touch with us



Our team can help you reconfigure your learning spaces, whatever current furniture you have.



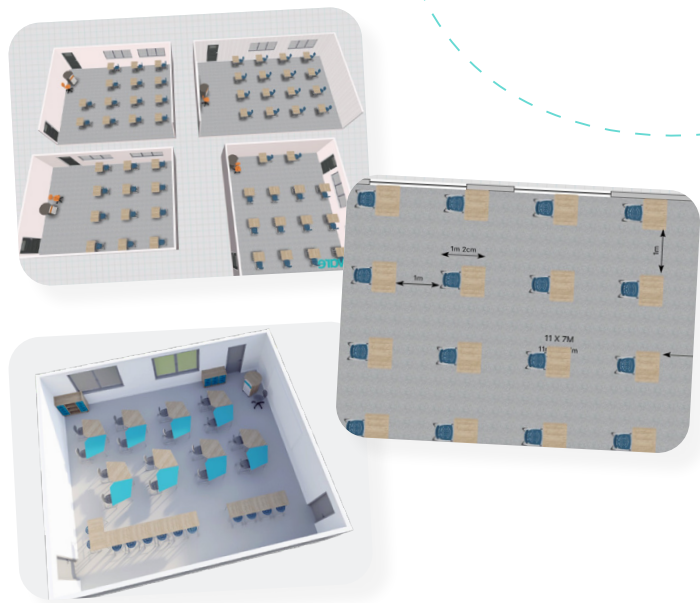
Reimagine your existing classroom



If you need to rearrange your existing space, we can help! You don't need to purchase anything new; we can work with what you have - even if it's from a different supplier. Furnware account managers have the expertise and knowledge to reconfigure your classroom with enough (moist) breathing space for every student.

Book a consultation or send us your classroom dimensions, along with your student numbers, a list of furniture and we can take it from there.

We're offering a 3D design service, free of charge to help you transition back into your classroom with as little stress as possible. Just follow the links below or call your local account manager to get things started.



Our 3D Learning Spaces App utilises accurate measurements to help you visualise different furniture configurations in your learning spaces, even if you don't have Furnware furniture.

"We needed to know how many student workspaces consisting of our existing desks and chairs could fit into a learning space with students being physically distanced one metre apart from each other.

Kerry designed a layout of our existing furniture to scale, using the room sizes we provided via her 3D Learning Spaces App tool. She returned renders of our four rooms, clearly showing us the number of student spaces we could achieve.

Thank you, Kerry, this is brilliant to help us plan for our students coming back into the classroom."

Vicki Barrie - Principal, Northcote College

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