

Benhurst Primary School



**A Guide to Year 2
September 2018**

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Benhurst Primary School Introduction



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Welcome to Year 2,

We are looking forward to working with you over the school year and helping our children to achieve to the best of their potential.

2T

The class teacher is Miss Thorpe and the teaching assistant is Mrs Newman. Mrs Willis teaches in 2T on Tuesday afternoons and Mrs Kehoe teaches in 2T on Wednesday afternoons.

2G

The class teacher is Mrs Garratty and the teaching assistant is Mrs Steel. Mrs Bishop teaches in 2G on Tuesdays.

Open door policy

An adult from both classes will always be on the door to welcome the children in each morning. This is a good opportunity to pass on messages, mention any changes about collection and to seek clarification for any concerns. Feel free to come and speak to us if you have any worries or concerns so that we can deal with them most appropriately.

Please be mindful that we need to be in class by 9.00am. Therefore, we may ask you to make an appointment with the office for you to speak with us before or after school if a longer meeting is required.



Benhurst Primary School Curriculum



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In Year 2, we aim to provide the children with a broad, balanced and enjoyable curriculum.

English

In English, we focus on reading and writing. We also have regular phonics/spelling lessons, where children have the opportunity to learn and practise known and new skills. We have daily guided reading sessions, where the class teacher will listen to a group of children read and ask questions to check and develop comprehension and understanding. Every child will be listened to at least once per week during this session.

Handwriting

We have weekly handwriting lessons, where children learn and practise the formation of letters. Our focus in Year 2 is ensuring that exit flicks are used appropriately. Once children have secured formation, positioning and exit flicks, we will start to use joins to join letters.

Exit flick letters- a, c, e, d, h, i, k, l, m, n, r, t, u

Maths

In Year 2, we focus on using all four operations (+, -, ÷, ×) with 2 digit numbers. We also explore shape, measures, time, place value and statistics. At all opportunities, we encourage the children to explain their reasoning methods and how they know.

Other subjects

Our curriculum is driven by a half termly focus on either History or Geography. We try to link other areas of the curriculum to our History and Geography learning to make our lessons fun and engaging. Details of our curriculum coverage can be found on the school website under the Year 2 tab.

<https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/Curriculum/year-2>

PE

We encourage children to always have the appropriate PE kit in school. We expect children to leave their PE kit in school for the whole half term and we will send it home each half term.

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Outdoor PE is on a Friday and Indoor PE is on a Tuesday.

2T

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Homework

Reading is paramount. It is very important that your child is able to read fluently and answer questions about what they have read. Often it can appear that children have understood what they have read because they have read a page 'with ease'. However, we can find that the children's understanding of what they have read does not always match their fluency. Asking lots of questions to check understanding will really help to move your child's reading ability forward.

Please ensure that you read with your child as frequently as possible and sign their yellow Home Reading book. When the book has been read and signed twice at home, we will change your child's reading book. Our changing days are Mondays and Thursdays. Please share any challenges, successes and any reading related opportunities out of school.

Spellings will continue to be assessed weekly. Our spelling day is on a Wednesday and we anticipate to get the new spellings out on a Thursday. Please practise these spellings at home with your child. We are looking for children to

recall and use these spellings throughout their learning, not just for a spelling test.

In Year 2, children will have weekly maths facts to practise at home. These cover basic mathematical skills learnt in Year 1 and Year 2. Please practise these skills at home. The maths facts will be assessed on a Wednesday.

Project homework can be found on the school website. This will detail various activities that you can do with your children that will support their learning. Please note, that the project homework relates to learning across the whole term, rather than half termly as before. Please check the Year 2 curriculum page for each half term's learning. <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/Homework/Print/year-2>

Trips

In Year 2, we believe that learning is not just in the classroom. We plan to take part in a number of trips this year including a number of local area trips and a whole year group trip too. These are yet to be fully finalised so watch this space! We are dependent on volunteers for our trips so please check your emails for letters and other information regarding trips.

Websites to support learning

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train

www.doorwayonline.org.uk/literacy/letterformation/

www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/learning-to-read

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/science_6_7.shtml

Please remember to follow the school's online safety guidance when using these websites.



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Assessment



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Class Based Assessments

In every lesson, we make an assessment on how well your child has understood the learning in that lesson. We use our observations in lessons, discussions with pupils and marking of learning books to inform our assessment judgments. We use this information in a number of ways. We use this information to plan the next day's lesson to ensure the learning challenges and supports in equal measure. We use this information to support our assessment of children's understanding and skills at the end of the term and end of the school year.

Parents Evening and Reports

As a school, we will continue with two parents evenings where parents and carers can attend to learn about how their child has settled into Year 2, find out about their learning and ways that they can support their child to continue to make progress. Termly reports will be provided at these parents meetings. At the end of the school year, there will be a longer report providing information on learning and progress across the year.

SATs

In Year 2, the children complete their SATs assessment (Satutory Assessment Tests). The testing month is May although schools can decide when to administer the assessments during this month. These assessments focus on Reading, Writing and Maths. Children are judged to be below ARE (age related expectations) at ARE or GDS (working at greater depth). In both Maths and Reading, the raw score (how many correct marks the children achieve) is converted into a scaled score. A scaled score of 100 is deemed to be the expected level which is called ARE (Age Related Expectations).

All children deemed to be able to access the SAT Tests are expected to sit the assessments.

In Reading, there are two reading assessments totaling 40 marks (20 marks on each paper). The second reading paper is more challenging than the first paper. Children complete these papers without any adult support. In Maths, there are two papers. One paper is focussed on arithmetic skills and one paper is focussed on written problems involving reasoning. Writing is assessed through on going learning in the classroom.

Teachers use the scaled score to support their judgements but also consider the child's ability within home learning experiences, work in the classroom and independent learning. Teachers use 'The Interim Framework' to form their judgements on the assessed level for each child. You can find out more about the KS1 interim framework [here](#).

Please do not worry about the SATs. The children rarely know that they are sitting the assessments and therefore are usually not concerned about sitting the 'test'. Please do not feel that you need to teach the children any additional strategies for solving questions. Reading regularly with your child and completing the Maths facts weekly will support their learning. If you would like some support with the use of Mathematical procedures or strategies, please pop along to see your class teacher who will share the specific strategy used in class. In addition, the calculations policy can be found on the school website. Also, there are YouTube tutorials on the school website [here](#) which could support you further. It is very important that the children learn and apply school taught strategies to their Mathematical learning.

Parents will be invited to a SATs meeting during the Spring Term 2019 where we will share further information and answer any questions you may have.



Benhurst Primary School Gaming and Social Media



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In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of children using social media and computer games aimed at a mainly teenage audience. This can cause issues at home and school and it is important that parents are aware of what their child is using and monitors it very closely.

For example, we know of children as young as 7 who have access to Fortnite, Call of Duty and GTA. To illustrate our concern, GTA is a game based on gang violence using knives and guns, stealing, nudity, extremely coarse language, alcohol abuse, stealing and selling illegal drugs, prostitution and breaking and entering. As parents, we would ask you to consider the boundaries you set for your children. For those who believe such games appropriate for their child at a primary age, I would ask if you would be comfortable allowing your child to see any of these situations in real life? Of course the answer is no, so why allow them to see and hear these things on a computer?

Some studies have shown a direct link between children playing violent games and them behaving aggressively. It is becoming increasingly noticeable from the way children speak and play if they are exposed to such games and is a growing concern within our school.

More information on this subject can be found at www.askaboutgames.com/age-rating-info/

Below is a guide to some popular social media platforms that you may find useful.



Instagram (age 13+) lets users snap, edit, and share photos and 15-second videos, either publicly or with a private network of followers. It also lets you apply fun filters and effects to your photos, making them look high quality and artistic.

What parents need to know:

- Children are on the lookout for "likes." Children may measure the "success" of their photos - even their self-worth (worryingly) by the number of likes or comments they receive.
- Public photos are the default. Photos and videos shared on Instagram are public unless privacy settings are adjusted.
- Private messaging is now an option. Instagram Direct allows users to send "private messages" to up to 15 mutual friends. These pictures don't show up on their public feeds.



Snapchat (age 13+) is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear. Many young people use the app to share silly or embarrassing photos without the risk of them going public. However, there are lots of opportunities to use it in other ways.

What parents need to know:

- It's a myth that Snapchats go away forever. Whenever an image is sent, it remains part of their digital footprint.
- It can make sending inappropriate images/messages seem OK. The seemingly risk-free messaging may actually encourage users to share pictures which they know they shouldn't.



Oovoo (age 13+) is a free video, voice and messaging app. Users can have group chats with up to 12 people.

What parents need to know:

- The default setting is public so you can talk to people you don't know, but they can be changed so that you can just talk to your friends
- The main safety issues are around the content of discussion and the ability to talk with strangers



WhatsApp (age 16+) users send text messages, audio messages, videos, and photos to one or many people with no message limits or fees.

What parents need to know:

- It can be pushy. After you sign up, it automatically connects you to all the people in your address book who also are using WhatsApp. It encourages you to add friends who haven't signed up yet.

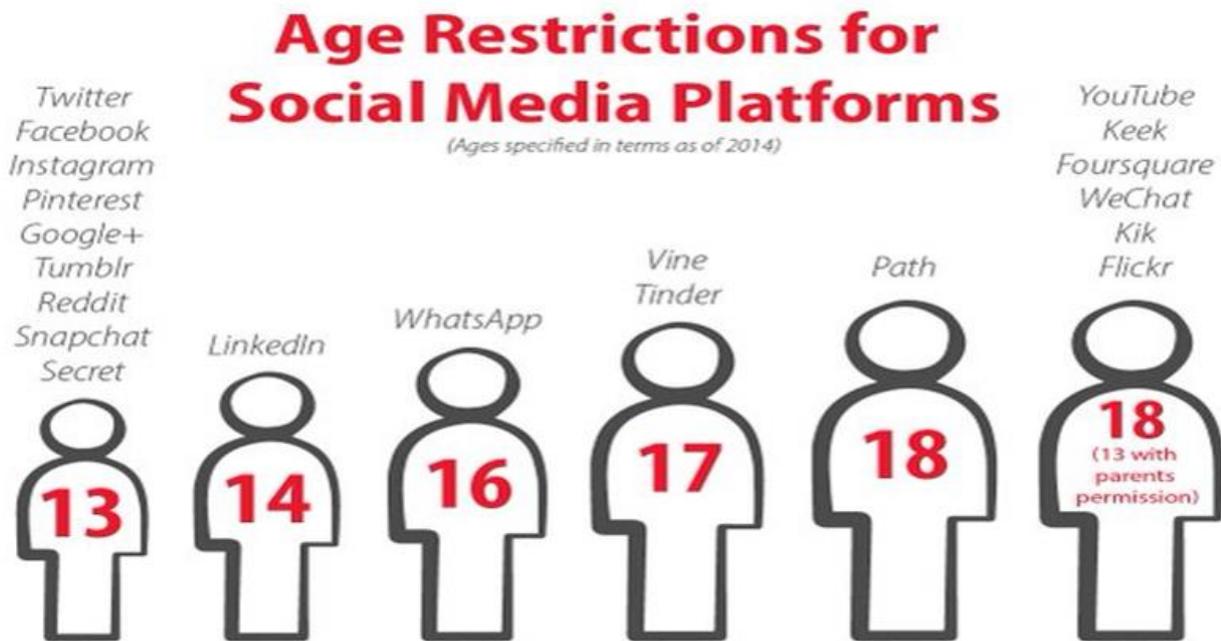


Skype (age 13+) is a computer programme and app, which lets you make audio and video calls to other users around the world. You can also send instant messages.

What parents need to know:

- It can be difficult to adjust the privacy settings
- It's difficult to work out how to report or block
- Information on keeping safe online isn't prominent on the site.

General Social Media Age Guide



Reporting a Concern

To report a concern about online grooming or sexual behaviour online, contact CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

Thank you in advance for your support and for keeping our children safe.



Benhurst Primary School Useful Contact Information



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Mrs Steel	Support Staff (HLTA/TA/1:1)	
Mrs Newman	Support Staff (HLTA/TA/1:1)	

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School phone number	01708 450807
School website - Main Page	www.benhurst.havering.sch.uk
School Clubs and Sports list	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/clubs-and-sports
Reporting a child's absence online	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/reporting-an-absence
School Calendar	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar
sQuid	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/squid
Havering Catering Menu	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/school-dinners
ABACUS	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/abacus
SMART amp login	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/children/extended-learning
School Twitter	@BenhurstPrimary
School You Tube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd3hYuUGT-zoBb7zjv6IfJA

