

Benhurst Primary School



**A Guide to Year 3
September 2019**

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Benhurst Primary School Introduction



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Class	Teacher	Additional Adult/s
3B	Miss Britton (Year Group Leader)	Mrs Kotschy
3EH	Mrs Edgeler and Miss Humphries	

Open door policy

We operate an open door policy regarding your child's wellbeing where you can speak to us about anything you think we should be aware of. Please be aware that we have more time to discuss issues at the end of the day than at the beginning. Should you have any immediate concerns or information regarding your child during that day please feel free to mention it as they enter. Alternatively, if you require a more in-depth discussion, you will need to make an appointment to speak with the Class Teacher through the office, we can arrange for a meeting or a phone call at a convenient time.

If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment or be collected by a different adult, please ensure that the office is informed so that all members of staff are aware of any changes. Should you arrive to school late in the morning, your child must enter via the school office as they need to register their attendance as well as select their lunch option. If you are going to be late collecting your child at the end of the school day, please email or phone the office, as soon as possible, to ensure the message reaches us by the end of the day. We hope that your child will enjoy their time in Year 3.



Benhurst Primary School General Year 3 Information



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The School Day

8:50 - 9:00	Arrive at school/registration
9:00 - 10:30	Lesson
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Lesson
11:45 - 12:45	Lesson
12:45 - 1:45	Lunch
1:45:3:30	Lesson

Curriculum

The Year 3 curriculum overview can be found on our school website: <https://benhurst.haverinq.sch.uk/year-3-curriculum/>

School trips/residentials

As we are implementing the new Cornerstones curriculum, we are in the process of arranging interesting trips to support our new topics. We will inform you of any information as soon as it is finalised.

PE

- PE kits are to be kept in school at all times.
- The children will be participating in outdoor and indoor PE throughout the year. For outdoor PE a black tracksuit will be required. Trainers are optional. Girls will not be allowed to wear their tights during PE lessons so please provide socks.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled.

	<u>Indoor P.E.</u>	<u>Outdoor P.E.</u>
<u>3B</u>	Tuesday	Friday
<u>3EH</u>	Tuesday	Thursday

Equipment:

- In Key Stage 2, every child is provided with a pencil case containing all the necessary equipment. These will be kept with them in school so they do not require any equipment from home.
- All children have been provided with a planner which needs to be in school on a daily basis. At the front there is an agreement which needs to be signed by the parent(s)/carer(s) and the child. Each time your child reads at home please indicate this by signing the planner. Planners will be collected each Monday to check that your child has read at least four times.
- Children can have water bottles in class which can be purchased from the school office.

Homework

The Year 3 home learning information can be found on our school website: <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-1-homework-2-2-2/>

	<u>Given Out</u>	<u>Due Back In</u>
<u>Reading</u>	To go home and return each day.	Planners are checked every Monday for four signatures.
<u>Spelling</u>	Thursday	Tested on a Thursday
<u>Mental Arithmetic Book</u>	Thursday	Marked on a Tuesday
<u>Topic Projects</u>	At the start of each term	Date given on the website for each topic project

Times Tables Rock Stars

We have always had a strong focus on times table as these underpin all Mathematical learning. Children in Year 3 have been provided access to [Times Table Rock Stars](#) which they can access at school and at home. Please encourage your child to access the site several times a week. In school, the children will use it at least once per week.

In the first few weeks of Year 3, the children will be introduced to the website where they will be given a laminated card with their username and password to keep at home. They will need to learn the password by heart so that they can access the site at school as they are not permitted to have it in written form.

As in previous years, the children also complete the Benhurst Olympic Challenges once per week and will be rewarded with certificates for completing each stage.

Assessments

At Benhurst, we assess children as part of our daily teaching through general observations of their learning and ongoing discussions. These daily interactions with your child are used to inform our planning and to develop your child's learning.

In the Summer Term, children will also sit assessments in Spelling Punctuation and Grammar, Reading and Maths. These are to confirm our teacher judgments of the children's ability and to identify areas for development. The assessments are sat over the period of one week and children are given more relaxed activities in between.

An informal Science assessment is also carried out in the Summer Term.

Parents' Evening/TLC overview

We have moved away from traditional teacher-led parents evenings. Instead your child will carefully select a range of work to discuss with you. This will include work they are proud of but also pieces they felt they could have improved. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions about their work and assist in setting targets for the next term.

Useful Websites

Benhurst website - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/>

Year 3 curriculum - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-3-curriculum/>

Year 3 homework - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-1-homework-2-2-2/>

SQUID - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/squid/>

Times Table Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/>



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 notable 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.

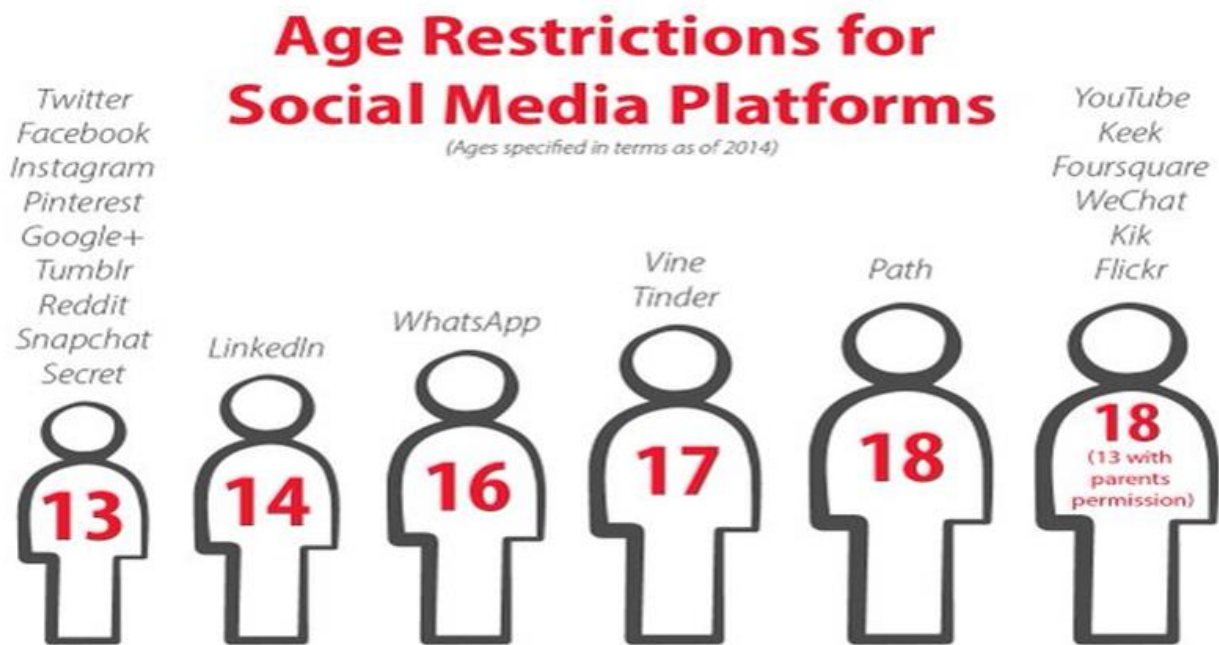


Skype (age 13+) is a computer programme and app, which lets you make audio and video calls to other users around the world. You can also send instant messages.

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.



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Useful Contact Information



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Mrs Edgeler	Teacher	ledgeler@benhurst.havering.sch.uk
Miss Humphries	Teacher	jmcmahon@benhurst.havering.sch.uk

Name	Contact information
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
Lunch 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