

# Benhurst Primary School



**A Guide to Year 2  
September 2019**

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# Benhurst Primary School Introduction



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Class	Teacher	Additional Adult/s
2T	Miss Thorpe (Year Group Leader)	Mrs Newman, Mrs Evans, Mrs Bush and Miss Dimech
2M	Mrs McCarthy	

## 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 2.



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## General Year 2 Information



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### The School Day

8:50 - 9:00	Arrive at school/registration
9:00 - 10:30	Lessons
10:30 - 10:45	Breaktime
10.45-11.45	Lessons
11.45-12.45	Lunchtime
12.45-14.15	Lessons
14.15-14.25	Playtime
14.25-15.30	Lessons
15.30	Home time

### Curriculum

The Year 2 curriculum overview can be found on our school website: <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-2-curriculum/>

### School trips/residentials

Each half term we anticipate to provide the children with a memorable experience to engage them in our new topic. This may take the form of a local school trip. In the Summer Term we plan to take a trip to the seaside linked to our topic learning.

### PE

Year 2's PE lessons will be on a **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoon. 2T will do Outdoor PE on a Monday and Indoor PE on a Thursday. 2M will do Indoor PE on a Monday and Outdoor PE on a Thursday. We suggest that the children's PE kits remain in school for the duration of the half term. To avoid any clothing getting lost, we suggest that you label all items including your child's PE bag and plimsoles/trainers.

### Homework

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

### 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 Year 2, the children will complete statutory end of KS1 assessments.

The test consists of:

- Maths Arithmetic
- Maths Reasoning
- Reading Comprehension 1
- Reading Comprehension 2

We will be administering the tests in May and always aim for it to be a calm and discrete opportunity for the children to show off what they have learnt throughout the year.

To prepare your child for the test, we recommend that you read as frequently as possible with your child, asking them questions about the text and vocabulary throughout. In addition, completing weekly Maths Fact homework.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 5pm, we will be holding a SATs meeting for all parents/carers to outline information about the tests and to answer any questions you may have.

### Useful Websites

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

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

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

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

Times Tables Rock Stars- <https://trockstars.com/>

SATs information -

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/792059/Information\\_for\\_parents\\_-\\_2019\\_national\\_curriculum\\_tests\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stages\\_1\\_and\\_2.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792059/Information_for_parents_-_2019_national_curriculum_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stages_1_and_2.pdf)

Common Exception Words- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-exception-words>

SMART Learning Suite Online- <https://suite.smarttech.com/library>

### Additional information

To support your child in their reading, we ask you to read with your child at least four times per week. Their books will be changed on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**, please remember to write in your child's yellow Home Reading Book.

Each week we will be giving the children spellings and Maths Facts to practise at home. They will be tested on a Wednesday. The new spellings and Maths Facts will be stuck into your child's book and sent home on Thursdays. Copies of the spellings and Maths Facts will be updated on the school website weekly.

Your child has been given a Times Table Rock Star login for them to practise their times tables at home and in school. We encourage them to use this as often as possible. We will be able to check and monitor their progress in school and will reward their improvements.



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## 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/](http://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.

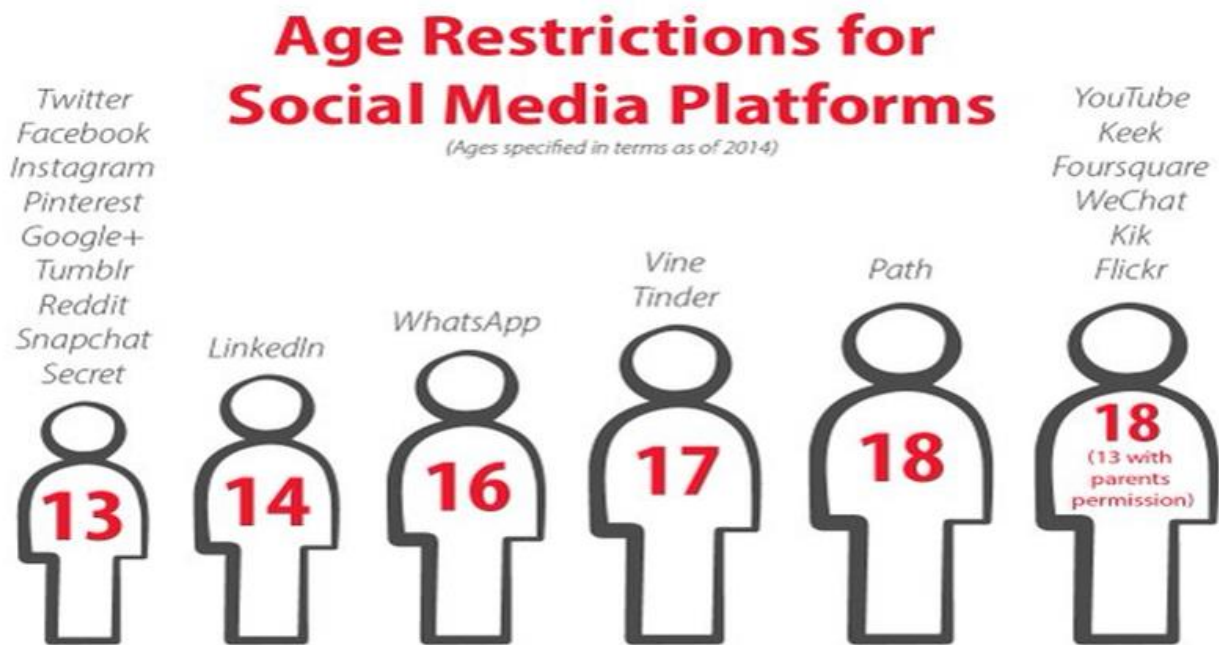


Skype (age 13+) is a computer programme and app, which lets you make audio and video calls to other users around the world. You can also send instant messages.

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](http://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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Name	Role	Email Address
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	General Office	<a href="mailto:office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk">office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk</a>
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Mrs McCarthy	Teacher	<a href="mailto:smccarthy@benhurst.havering.sch.uk">smccarthy@benhurst.havering.sch.uk</a>

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