

Benhurst Primary School



**A Guide to Year 6
September 2019**

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Benhurst Primary School Introduction



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Class	Teacher	Additional Adult/s
6H	Mrs Hillyer (Year Group Leader)	Mrs Haskew, Mrs Sheehan, Miss Snow, Miss Gassner
6L	Mr Light	

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 6.



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General Year 6 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	Break
10:45 - 12:45	Lessons
12:45 - 1:45	Lunch
1:45 - 3:30	Lessons
3:30	End of day

Curriculum

The Year 6 curriculum overview can be found on our school website: <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-6-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.

Danbury: July 1 - 3, 2020

After SATs are finished, we take the children to Danbury for three days on residential. This is a fantastic outdoor educational facility where the children will get to participate in a variety of activities. Some previous activities include: archery, caving, mountain biking, rock climbing. We will provide more information later on in the year at our Post SATs meeting. We have a dedicated residential area within the school website with the initial presentation.

PE

In Year 6, boys and girls get changed for PE in separate classrooms. Currently, our PE days are: Monday and Friday. However, these may change for trips/special days/etc. We will let the children know in advance if this is likely to occur.

As the children are entering puberty, we kindly ask that they take their kits home every so often for a wash. We would also like to request that they be allowed to have a roll-on deodorant that they can keep in their kits to use while at school. Please do not send in heavily scented or aerosol deodorants as this can become overwhelming.

Lunch Clubs

We are very lucky! On Thursday and Friday lunchtimes, Tarkan runs a sports club exclusively for Year 6 which is fully funded by the school. The children will change into their PE kits before lunch starts, participate in the club and then eat their lunch. This is an optional club and the children have all been given the opportunity to sign up. We have asked that they commit to attending every week, barring illness or injury, if they have chosen to attend. We will give them the opportunity to join/leave the club every half term.

Homework

The Year 6 project home learning information can be found on our school website: <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Childs-War-home-learning-ideas.pdf>

Weekly Homework

The Year 6 project home learning information can be found on our school website:

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

Each week, your child will be given:

- Maths (arithmetic book)
 - Your child has been assigned a Mental Arithmetic book by their previous teachers after sitting an assessment. Their score determined the book that they were given.
 - They should complete one full test per week. Every 12 tests, the children will have a Progress test. While this says to complete on paper, the children can just complete it directly in their books.
- Spellings
 - These will be tested the following week. Currently, these tests are on Wednesdays but may change for trips/special days/etc. We will let the children know in advance if this is likely to occur.
- Reading
 - We ask that the children read as often as possible with an adult/older sibling (at least four times a week). The children can fill in their own reading records if they like, but we kindly request that you still sign them yourselves.
 - Please encourage your child to read a wide range of texts (both fiction and non-fiction) as this will greatly help them prepare for their SATs. Remind them to look up any new or challenging vocabulary.

We would also like to encourage the children to practice their multiplication and division facts by using their TimesTables Rockstars account as often as possible. This is a fantastic resource that will help the children to build their confidence and speed in recalling these facts. The children have their own unique logins.

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

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.

Parents Evening/TLC overview

We will continue to hold Teacher Learning Conferences where your child will carefully select a range of work to discuss with you. This will not only 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.

SATs - Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May 2020

While your children enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum, the Year 6 team will ensure that they are fully prepared for their SATs in May. Please support your children with their home learning as this will greatly assist all the hard work and effort they are putting in during their school hours. We will issue each child a Maths and English revision guide that they can use to support their learning both in school and at home. We understand that this can be a stressful time for your children. However, please remind them that it is the 'grown-ups' job to worry and all they have to do is try their best. Below is the timetable for the SATs week. More information will be provided at the SATs meeting nearer the time.

Monday 11 th May 2020	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 & 2
Tuesday 12 th May 2020	English Reading
Wednesday 13 th May 2020	Mathematics Papers 1 & 2

Useful Websites

Times Tables Rockstars	https://trockstars.com/
Various Curriculum Information	https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn
Topic	http://www.historyforkids.net/



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 Hillyer	Year Group Leader	shillyer@benhurst.havering.sch.uk
Mr Light	Teacher	glight@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