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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus update and information

The following information from the NHS website is important to share as it is the most up to date guidance that we will follow. Because the Coronavirus is a new illness, we do not know exactly how it spreads from person to person. Similar viruses are spread in cough droplets. It is very unlikely it can be spread through things like packages or food. Viruses like coronavirus cannot live outside the body for very long.

How to avoid catching or spreading germs

Things you can do to help stop viruses like coronavirus spreading.

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often - use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Do I need to avoid public places?

Most people can continue to go to work, school and other public places. You only need to stay away from public places if you have been:

- to Hubei province in China in the last 14 days
- to Iran, areas of northern Italy in lockdown or "special care zone" areas in South Korea since 19th February
- to parts of mainland China or South Korea, Thailand, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath
- to other parts of northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos or Myanmar since 19th February and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath
- in close contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus

If your child has been to any of the affected places listed above in the last 14 days or is planning to do so before or during the Easter holidays, please email me immediately to discuss this important matter. At this challenging time, it is important we consider the welfare and well-being of all of our children, parents and staff. Thank you for your support with this matter. ddenchfield@benhurst.havering.sch.uk

Given the fluidity of this situation, I will write to you with any significant changes that the NHS publish. At this time, it is important to be careful with any general travel and follow the general hygiene advice offered by the NHS.



Information on the school website

Below are some links which you may find helpful:

- Key school contact details - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/contact/>
- Reporting a child's absence - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/reporting-an-absence/>
- Current school dinner menu - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Primary-silver-menu-benhurst-summer-20-v2.pptx.pdf>
- sQuid - <https://portal.squidcard.com/LoginPortal/>
- School calendar - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/>
- Clubs - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/clubs-sports/>
- ABACUS - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/breakfast-after-school-club/>

Dentists required!

This half term, Year 4 are learning all about teeth and oral hygiene. If you are a dentist and could spare an hour talking with the children about your job and the importance of good oral hygiene, we would love to hear from you! Please email Miss Graves who would be happy to explain a little more.

hgraves@benhurst.havering.sch.uk

Attendance

Our overall attendance for this academic year is 96.66%, which is slightly above our target for the year. This is really great news, thank you for your continue support with this.

Polling Station - Thursday 7th May 2020

We have been informed that Benhurst is to be used as a Polling Station for the Greater London Authority Elections on Thursday 7th May 2020. Please also remember that the traditional May Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

ABACUS OfSTED - January 2020

Following their recent inspection, I am pleased to share that ABACUS received a fantastic report which highlighted the excellent care they provide our children.

A copy of the full report can be found via the OfSTED website: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Key Dates - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar>

- Wednesday 26th February - Badminton tournament (letter to be given to those selected)
- Monday 2nd March - English Week (including World Book day on Thursday)
- Monday 2nd March - Y6 visiting Elm Park library (letter on website)
- Monday 2nd March - Y2 visit to Harrow Lodge park (letter on website)
- Tuesday 3rd March - Y3/4 Rugby tournament (letter to be given to those selected)
- Wednesday 4th March - Y6 Knife Crime workshop
- Friday 6th March - Tech event in Chelmsford (letter to be given to those selected)
- Tuesday 10th March - Y5/6 Swimming Gala (letter to be given to those selected)
- Wednesday 11th March - Y1/2 Football festival (letter to be given to those selected)
- Thursday 12th March - Parents Evening/TLCs
- Tuesday 17th March - Y5 Orienteering (letter to be given to those selected)
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- Wednesday 18th March - Y5 Orienteering (letter to be given to those selected)
- Thursday 19th March - Badminton sessions in the hall all day
- Friday 20th March - FOB Mother's Day Sale
- Wednesday 25th March - Y3/4 girls football (letter to be given to those selected)
- Thursday 2nd April - Trust/Governors day in school
- Friday 3rd April - Final day of term (3-30 finish as usual)
- Monday 20th April - Back to school (8-50 start as usual)

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification regarding these matters.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Denchfield
Head Teacher