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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we continue to remain closed as a school, we recognise the increasing challenge for many families as the children have been away from school for over one month and there is no definitive end in sight. We are in telephone contact with a number of parents to discuss concerns and help where we can. We also speak with children where parents feel this would help. Please do get in contact with us if you think we can help in any way - we would like to help where we can. Below is a link to the school website with key staff email addresses: <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/home/meet-the-staff/>

Trip and residential updates

Reception trip to Barleylands - April 2020

This has been cancelled and a full refund will be made through Squid.

Y5 Wye Valley Residential - April 2020

This has been cancelled and a full refund will be made through Squid.

Year 2 trip to Rainham Marshes - May 2020

This has been cancelled and a full refund will be made through Squid.

Year 6 Residential to Danbury - July 2020

This has not been cancelled. We know how special this will be for the children and will make a decision nearer the time. Should we need to cancel, we will apply for a full refund.

Year 6 Residential to Danbury - June 2021 (Current Year 5)

We have made a provisional booking for the Year 6 Danbury residential from Tuesday 29th June 2021 to Friday 2nd July 2021. The deposit must be paid by Friday 15th May or we may lose the booking. We made this booking earlier than usual to ensure our children do not miss out; many schools are rebooking residential from this summer and slots were very difficult to secure.

<https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/y5-wye-valley-2020-update-and-danbury-2021-information.pdf>



Free School Meal Vouchers

Eligible families will have received electronic vouchers from a company called Edenred UK who are working with the Department for Education to deliver supermarket vouchers. They can be redeemed at many supermarkets (e.g. Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose, M&S food, Aldi).

If you are experiencing any difficulty with the vouchers or have any questions, please email Mrs Hart who will be happy to support. khart@benhurst.havering.sch.uk

Home Learning

We continue to provide home learning, reading and challenges through Google Classroom. It is lovely to see so many children engaging with this and for teachers to be able to be in direct contact with them. <https://classroom.google.com/h>

If you have any difficulty with your child's login or general technical questions, please email Mrs McCarthy who will be happy to support. sdmccarthy@benhurst.havering.sch.uk

Return to School

This week, it has been suggested that there is likely to be a phased return to school at some point in the summer term. Like you, we await to find out if this will happen and what guidelines we will be given. I realise this poses many questions and possible concerns. Please be assured that we will update you when we have further information. We are already considering the health, emotional, physical, social and educational implications for our children when we do return.

Please continue share your child's learning or anything of interest with us on Twitter @benhurstprimary. We are now this highest followed primary school in Havering! If you do not have Twitter, you can email me pictures which I will post on our page.

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Take care and stay safe.

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Head Teacher