

# Benhurst Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Below is a summary of our reopening strategy and important information that you should be aware of.

Summary of the current school reopening strategy. (This is subject to change based on new guidance from LIFE, the local authority or central government)	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Key Worker children upon completion of the survey <a href="https://forms.gle/8ni9pCDrS84VP6xTA">https://forms.gle/8ni9pCDrS84VP6xTA</a>  Vulnerable children upon completion of the survey (and agreed by the school) <a href="https://forms.gle/8ni9pCDrS84VP6xTA">https://forms.gle/8ni9pCDrS84VP6xTA</a>  Year 6 children upon completion of the survey <a href="https://forms.gle/oX5MeFX2C9TCKNzo9">https://forms.gle/oX5MeFX2C9TCKNzo9</a>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R and Year 1 children will also be invited back We will contact parents the week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June with this information
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Other year groups to be considered
<p><b>The Google survey <u>must</u> be completed for us to consider a place for your child.</b>  <b>Bubble places are strictly limited to first come, first served place.</b>  <b>When class bubbles are full, we cannot extend the offer.</b></p>	

A number of parents have asked questions and made comments that may be helpful to share with you.

**Do I have to send my child back to school?**

No. The current phased reopening of school is an offer to parents. There will come a point where parents will be expected to send their child to school but this date has not yet been set.

**Do I have to send my child to school every day?**

No. For example, if you are a key worker and do not require childcare during a midweek day off. Please report all school absences to the office in the usual way. There will come a point where parents will be expected to send their child to school every day but this date has not yet been set.

**Why is the National Curriculum not being taught?**

Current guidance means we have limited access to many school resources and facilities. Where possible, work on Google Classroom is linked to the National Curriculum.



### **Can my child be with his/her friends?**

Current guidance on bubble classes mean we cannot guarantee children will be with their usual friendship group, current teacher or in their current classroom. It is very important children and parents understand this before accepting a bubble place.

### **I would like a place for my child in July**

If we have any spaces within your year group bubble or a Key Worker bubble, this will be possible. However when the bubbles are full, we will not be able to take any additional children. Please contact the school office to discuss this.

### **Will you still be providing home learning for children who do not attend school?**

Yes. We continue to provide home learning, reading and challenges through Google Classroom. <https://classroom.google.com/h>.

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

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Eligible families will continue to receive electronic vouchers from Edenred UK who are working with the Department for Education to deliver supermarket vouchers.

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](mailto:khart@benhurst.havering.sch.uk)

### **What happens if a child/member of staff develops symptoms compatible with Coronavirus?**

They will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their household should self-isolate for 14 days. Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Household members of the bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms. All children and staff who within the class bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

### **It is inconvenient that Benhurst Avenue is the school entrance and Warren Drive is the exit**

The safety of our school community is paramount.

### **Will the children receive school reports this year?**

Yes. This will be a condensed report which will reflect their schooling from September 2019 to March 2020. These will be sent out late June.

### **When will school be fully back?**

We are all looking forward to returning to school with all of our children and staff and are able to relaunch our clubs, sports events, trips and special days. There is considerable discussion in the media that we will return in September - this is only speculation and we are guided by government announcements and information. As a school, we watch the evening briefings from Dowling Street and hear key announcements and decisions at the same time you do. We then wait for the very lengthy guidance that follows!

Please do not hesitate to contact me to talk through any questions, concerns or family situations you may have. As always, thank you so much for your support.

Take care and stay safe.



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Head Teacher