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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 st June	<p>Key Worker children request. You will be contacted by the office with the outcome of your request. https://forms.gle/8ni9pCDrS84VP6xTA</p> <p>Vulnerable children request. You will be contacted by the office with the outcome of your request. https://forms.gle/8ni9pCDrS84VP6xTA</p> <p>Y6 children request. You will be contacted by the office with the outcome of your request. https://forms.gle/oX5MeFX2C9TckNzo9</p>
Monday 15 th June	<p>YR and Y1 children request. You will receive a text message to confirm your place. We have capacity for 3 mixed YR/1 bubbles. https://forms.gle/st6tDFM8JBXk6uEz8</p>
Monday 29 th June	Other year groups to be considered.
<p>The Google form <u>must</u> be completed for us to consider a place for your child. Bubble places are strictly limited to first come, first served. When class bubbles are full, we cannot extend the offer.</p>	

Frequently asked questions by parents with answers from the school.

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.

How likely is it that Y2,3,4 and 5 children will be invited back on 29th June?

If the government guidelines remain as they are, we do not have the staffing capacity to extend our offer beyond the existing Key Worker, YR, Y1 and Y6 bubbles.



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 sizes 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 (YR, Y1 or Y6) 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

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.

When will school be fully back?

We do not know. It is widely discussed in the media and online that we will return in September but we have not been informed this is the case.

Thank you to the many parents who have contacted me to discuss their concerns or ask for advice - I am happy to help where I can. As always, thank you so much for your understanding and ongoing support.

Take care and stay safe.



Mr D Denchfield
Head Teacher