

# Benhurst Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Usually at the end of the academic year, I take the time to reflect on our achievements over the year and the progress the children and our school has made. This year feels so very different and we have faced many challenges that were almost impossible to imagine when we started the school year last September. For almost everyone, their work pattern, home life, social life and pastimes dramatically changed in March in a way we could never have imagined. It is only in the past few weeks that we have started to see the beginnings of a return to many typical work routines and social arrangements.

During this time, I have been truly amazed by the strength and resilience of our children, parents and staff. I would particularly like to thank you, our parents. I know many of you have had to 'dig deep' and find ways to juggle work, home schooling, the demands of running a house and everything else you do - but you have found a way to get through and should take the time to reflect on the amazing job you have done.

Below are a number of important announcements and updates for your information.

## Year 6

Tomorrow, we say goodbye and good luck to Year 6 who will be leaving us to start their secondary school journey in September. They have been a fantastic year group and we were disappointed that recent events and restrictions meant they were not able to enjoy the events and celebrations that they richly deserved. We wish them every success and happiness and look forward to hearing all about their achievements and accolades at secondary school and beyond!

## Google Classroom

This will be closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July and will not be used over the summer holidays. It is important that the staff have the opportunity to spend time with their family and friends without checking Google classroom. It is not unusual for teachers to receive over 100 emails a day which require their attention and often a response!

## Summer works

The refurbishment of the children's toilets opposite the music room has already started and should be completed well ahead of our return in September. In addition, the staff toilets will be replaced.

Work on the roof will begin in the next few weeks but is unlikely to be completed over the summer holidays as the work is extensive. We will work closely with the contractors to ensure they can continue to work in September but also that our learning provision is not compromised.



## Meet the teacher

Yesterday, we posted a video on each Google Classroom so our YR to Y5 children are able to see who their teacher and support team will be for next year.

## Uniform

There are three ways to purchase our school uniform.

- The Havering Schoolwear shop in Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch (01708 767890) or via their website <http://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/>.
- From My Clothing <https://myclothing.com/>
- Youngs Fashions, 13 Elm Parade, Elm Park Avenue, Hornchurch (01708 449724)

## Earrings

Please remember that our school has a 'no earring' policy which forms part of our Personal Appearance and Possessions Policy. Taping over earrings is also not permitted. Should you wish to get your child's ears pierced, we recommend this is done during the first few days of the summer holiday. Children will not be permitted to wear earrings at the start of term to secure a recent piercing.

## Twitter - @benhurstprimary

Please continue to share your child's learning or anything of interest that you do over the summer with us on Twitter. It's really lovely to see what you are doing and to share with our school community. If you do not have Twitter, you can email me and I will post on our page - [ddenchfield@benhurst.havering.sch.uk](mailto:ddenchfield@benhurst.havering.sch.uk)

## Key dates

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	All Y1 to Y6 children back to school. ABACUS breakfast club and after school club restart
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	YR start part time
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	YR start full time
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Final day of half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Children return to school

## Key information ahead of our September reopening

Further information can be found in my letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> July which can be found on the letters page: <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parent-letters/>

- Entrance to school is via Benhurst Avenue only.
- Exit to school is via Warren Drive only.
- Start time (all children) - Class doors open from 8:45 to 9:00 (9:00 registration time)
- End time (YR, Y1, Y2) - 3:15
- End time (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) - 3:30
- School attendance will be mandatory from September.
- School uniform and PE kits are required as usual.
- Face coverings or face masks in school are not necessary.
- In September, we will revert to normal class sizes of 30 children.
- Children will be able to mix with children from the other year group bubble.
- ABACUS will resume for breakfast and after school provision from September.
- No sports clubs will run in Autumn 1.

Take care, stay safe and have a lovely summer. We are very much looking forward to seeing you in September!



Mr D Denchfield  
Head Teacher