

Benhurst Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Below is an updated 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	<u>Key Worker & Vulnerable bubbles, Year 6 bubbles</u> We have no places available. All 75 places have been allocated. Start of the day 9:00 - End of the day 3:30
Monday 15 th June	<u>YR & Y1 bubbles</u> We have no places available. All 60 places have been allocated. Start of the day 9:15 - End of the day 3:15
Monday 22 nd June	<u>School reports posted</u> Please contact the school office if you have not received your child's school report.
Monday 29 th June	<u>Y5 children meetings</u> These have now been completed. Thank you to the children and parents who attended these sessions. Feedback was that you found them very helpful.
Monday 13 th July to Friday 17 th July (10:00 to 2:00)	<u>CGP Summer homework books/PE kits</u> Bubble children will be given their CGP books this week and will take their PE kit home next week. If your child/children are not attending school, the CGP books will be placed in year group boxes on the yellow path outside the school office. The books are in envelopes labelled with the children's name and class. You must enter and exit the school site via the Benhurst Avenue entrance. We will also place any P.E kits left in school with the year group boxes for you to collect.
Monday 20 th July	<u>Meet the teacher</u> Children in YR to Y5 can log onto Google classroom where there will be a video from their new teacher for next year. Parents will also be emailed a letter detailing the 2020-21 staffing structure.
Wednesday 22 nd July	<u>Final day of the summer term</u> We have received a number of enquiries regarding dropping off cards and end of year gifts for staff. These may be given to the office any time before the end of term and will be passed onto the relevant staff member.
Monday 7 th September	<u>First day of the new school year</u> Following the recent government guidelines, we are delighted to be able to welcome all children back to school! There will remain some operational restrictions and limitations as to what we can offer which we will share with you once our Risk Assessment has been completed later this week.



I realise that the statement released by the Trust on Friday has caused much discussion in our school community. It has now been agreed by the LIFE Education Trust and The Learning Federation that I will be leaving Benhurst on Friday 23rd October and starting my new role on Monday 2nd November.

I am delighted that Mrs Hart will be undertaking the role as Acting Head teacher with Mrs McCarthy supporting as Acting Deputy Head teacher. Both are fantastic leaders who know our school well and have my full confidence. I will be leaving the school in good hands and know that Benhurst will continue to move from strength to strength.

Please be reassured that I remain fully committed to our school and will be working hard to ensure a smooth return to school in September. It is essential that our children enjoy a happy return to school with an adjusted curriculum to reflect their extended absence from school. We will share more information about this nearer the time.

I am pleased to announce that that we have just secured funding totalling over £300,000 to replace areas of the school roof. This work will start during the summer holidays and is likely to be completed in September. We will also be upgrading the children's toilets opposite the music room and the staff toilets. This work will start today and will be completed over the summer break. Last week, we completed the refurbishment of the staff room following the fire damage in December.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or wish to seek advice.

Take care and stay safe.



Mr D Denchfield
Head Teacher