

# Benhurst Primary School

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Thank you for the many kind messages we have received since returning to school this week following our partial closure. It is also encouraging to see the vast majority of adults wearing face coverings on site; thank you for your support with this. The Senior Leadership team have spare masks when on duty in the playground so please ask if you have forgotten yours.

## Beginning and End of the School Day Arrangements

This week, we have been reviewing our current arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day in response to parent feedback and observations in the playground. We are going to make the following changes from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November in order to further reduce congestion and allow for increased social distancing.

- Only one adult per family to be on site when dropping off and collecting pupils.
- Year 2 classes will now finish at 3.30pm, the same time as the junior classes. Their collection point will remain the same.
- Reception and Year 1 pupils will be released at the end of the day from the black gates where they are dropped in the morning. (Parents will no longer need to go into the gated area)
- We would kindly ask parents to use the white painted bulls when waiting for their children at the end of the day. These have been spaced to allow for social distancing. Class signs will be displayed to help you with where to wait.

## Positive COVID case reporting

If your child receives a positive COVID test result outside of our school office hours (8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday during term time), please report this via text message to the following number: 07729086539 stating your child's name and class, the date they were last in school, the date they became symptomatic, the date they were tested. This will enable us to respond to any cases outside of school hours in a timely manner. We will confirm we have received your message. Please do not use this number for any other purpose than reporting a positive Benhurst pupil case.

## COVID Q & A

During the past couple of weeks, I have received a number of queries from parents relating to COVID - 19. I thought it would be useful to share some common questions and answers. I have sent the sheet with this letter and have added it to the COVID - 19 section of our website.

## Christmas

As we look ahead to the festive season, we are excited to continue with many of our usual events such as class parties, Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. Dates can be found below and further details will follow. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to perform a series of Christmas concerts to live audiences and we understand how disappointing this is for the pupils, parents and staff. However, we are excited to announce that the children will be participating in a whole school Christmas showcase called 'Children of the World'. All children (with previously given video permission) will be sharing with you how Christmas is celebrated around the world through music, drama and art. A link for this performance will be emailed to you during the final week of this term.

## NHS Non - Uniform Day

The children looked fantastic as they dressed in bright colours and super hero costumes to celebrate the work of the NHS on the last day before half - term. We raised a total of £438.93. We will be purchasing a selection of gifts for the staff in a ward of Queen's Hospital to enjoy (this is being arranged through one of our parents who works at Queens Hospital). Many thanks for your support with this.

## Twitter - @benhurstprimary

If your child/children do anything outside of school that you are proud of, please tag us into your tweet and I will retweet. You can also share their achievements with us via our new email address [twitter@benhurst.havering.sch.uk](mailto:twitter@benhurst.havering.sch.uk) and we will tweet on your behalf.

## Key Dates

These are also on the school calendar -

<https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar>

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November ~ Year 6 bubble to return to school

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November ~ November Feast (Special Dinner Menu) Details to follow.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December ~ Class Parties

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December ~ Final day of term (3:30 finish as usual)

Take care and stay safe

Yours Sincerely,

*K. Hart*

Mrs K Hart  
Head Teacher