

# Benhurst Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After only a few short weeks since the children returned to school, we have reached the end of the Spring Term. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and hear the sound of learning fill the classrooms once again. We are so proud of the way they have returned and re-adjusted to school life.

### Letter from Gavin Williamson

This week, Gavin Williamson MP, Secretary of State for Education has shared a letter to all young people in which he thanks our children for their resilience and commitment to remote learning. His full letter can be found here: <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/a-letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education/>

### Easter Holidays COVID Notifications

Should your child develop one of the main symptoms of Coronavirus (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>) within 48 hours of their last day at school you will need to arrange for them to have a test. I will be on call between 8am and 12 noon each day from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. If your child receives a positive test result between these dates, please text the following number 07729086539 stating your child's full name and class, the date they were last in school and the date they became symptomatic. I will confirm I have received your message and call you should I require further information. Please do not use this number for any other purpose than reporting a Benhurst pupil case. I will write to parents in the usual way should it be necessary to inform you of a Year Group Bubble isolation period.

### Core Value of the half - term: Wisdom

Next half term, we will be focusing on the value of Wisdom. The children will be sharing their thoughts and ideas on the theme of wisdom through assemblies and PSHE lesson and we will be celebrating examples of wisdom in our celebration assemblies. If you would like to share an example of your child showing wisdom during the holidays or next half term, please send an email (include photographs if you wish) to [twitter@benhurst.havering.sch.uk](mailto:twitter@benhurst.havering.sch.uk) and I will be more than happy to share these on Twitter.



### COVID Measures

As we look ahead to the summer term, the measures put in place for our March re-opening will continue and we thank you for your continued cooperation with these. You may have noticed COVID Marshalls, who are representatives from Havering council, were on site yesterday at the end of the school day and will periodically visit school at drop off and collection times during the Summer Term.

### School Uniform

We recognise how challenging it has been to source new uniform items during the most recent lockdown and have been understanding of this since the children returned to school. As shops begin to re-open from 12<sup>th</sup> April, we would kindly ask you to ensure correct uniform is worn from the start of the Summer Term. Our uniform policy can be found here: [Benhurst Uniform policy](#). Uniform can be purchased from the following stockists:

- Havering Schoolwear in Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch (01708 767890) or via their website <http://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/>.
- My Clothing <https://myclothing.com/>

I have confirmed that the above suppliers have good stock levels of Benhurst uniform items. After the Easter holidays, I will be able to share with you details of a new uniform provider, Top Notch Uniforms, who will be added to our uniform policy.

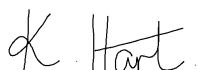
### Mayor of London and London Assembly Elections

Elections are to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May and in previous years our school has been used as a polling station. We have been informed that an alternative venue has been secured for this set of elections and therefore school will be open to pupils as normal on this day

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We are really looking forward to the summer term and hope it will be much more settled for the children and they can enjoy a sustained period of attendance at school.

Thank you for your continued support of your child and of the school.

Yours Sincerely,



Katherine Hart  
Head teacher

### Key Dates

These are also on the school calendar - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar>

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April ~ summer term begins for all pupils

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April ~ Parents Consultations (See letter 15.03.21)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May ~ Bank Holiday

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May ~ Last day of first half term (Normal finish time)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June ~ Planned INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June ~ All pupils return to school