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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Prime Minister has outlined the further easing of restrictions from Monday 17th May. Schools, colleges and early years settings are still required to follow guidance from the Department of Education, the Local Authority and Public Health England to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID19 in their school and through the community. The guidance relating to Primary Schools has seen very few changes and therefore our current protective measures will remain in place:

- Pupils will remain in year group bubbles for all school activities including extra - curricular activities.
- Staff and visitors will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas of the school and when welcoming/dismissing pupils.
- Parents and carers should continue to wear face coverings (unless exempt) when on school site and adhere to social distancing.
- Staff have access to regular asymptomatic testing. Households of children and young people attending schools also have access to twice weekly testing. ([See letter](#))
- Additional cleaning routines remain in school and regular opportunities for handwashing are provided.
- We have been permitted to re- introduce planned residential visits and off-site activities such as swimming (letters have been sent to year groups where these activities apply)

We have enjoyed a sustained period of pupil attendance unaffected by bubble closures since the end of March as a result of the protective measures we have in place and we are keen for this to continue. Measures will be reviewed again when further easing of restrictions are announced ahead of 21st June.

LIFE Passports

You may be aware of a Cross - Trust project called the LIFE Passport. Each pupil in Years 1 - 6 has been given a LIFE Passport Booklet which is full of fun activities and outdoor challenges for each year group to complete. I have attached copies of the booklet pages should your child have misplaced theirs. The aim of the project was to complete the tasks throughout the course of the year however, this has been difficult to achieve this year.

It would be wonderful if you were able to complete some of the suggested year group activities at home during the weekends or half - term break. You may already have completed some throughout the year which can also be signed off. Pupils who return their completed year group page by 1st July will receive a certificate by the end of the summer term. Families of our Reception children are welcome to make a start on the Year 1 activities should they wish.



Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

Thank you to those parents who completed the questionnaire in response to the Relationships and Sex Education Consultation which took place in March. This process is now complete and the responses from parents were overwhelmingly positive. The findings of the consultation have been published here: [RSE Consultation Feedback](#).

School Uniform

As we begin to see some warmer weather, please can I remind you of our uniform policy which can be found here: [Personal Appearance Policy](#)

Please be aware that Playsuits (see photograph) which have become available in recent years are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn to school due to hygiene and practicality reasons. Tailored, knee - length, black shorts are permitted and would be a suitable summer alternative.



Brilliant Club

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Brilliant Club graduates from Year 5 and 6 who successfully completed a University - style course during the Autumn Term. All pupils graduated with a First- or Second-Class degree and celebrated their virtual graduation this half term - we are very proud of you all!

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,



Katherine Hart
Head teacher

Key Dates

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

Monday 17th May ~ Year 6 Bikeability begins

Thursday 20th May - Special Menu: Build a Burger

Friday 28th May ~ Spellathon (See letter 19.04)

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

Monday 7th June ~ Planned INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 8th June ~ All pupils return to school

Tuesday 8th June ~ Year 5 Bikeability begins

Tuesday 8th June ~ Year 4 Swimming begins