

Benhurst Primary School

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Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is finally shining just in time for the half - term break! The children have enjoyed the half term of sustained school attendance free of bubble closures and remote learning. Whilst we must, of course, remain cautious and aware that bubble closures are still a possibility, it has felt relatively 'normal' in school since we returned after Easter.

Half - Term Contact Tracing

As in previous school holidays, I will be on call for contract tracing purposes. 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 Saturday 29th May until Wednesday 2nd June. 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.

Trussell Trust Appeal

As you will be aware, the LIFE Education Trust are supporting the Trussell Trust Foodbanks this academic year. We ran an appeal in the lead - up to Christmas and this was very well supported by our school community. I would like to run one final appeal this academic year in order to donate a range of snacks which local families may need over the school summer holidays.

The following items have been requested by our local Food Bank:

Individual jelly tubs	Multipacks of chocolate or biscuits bars
Small multipacks of crisps	Packs of biscuits
Cereal Bars	Small packs of sweets
Small bars of chocolate	Any other snacks which your children usually enjoy during the holidays

All donated items should be non- perishable, be within the best before/use - by date and suitable to be stored at room temperature.

If you would like to donate, please send your item/s into school with your child between Tuesday 8th June and Friday 18th June. Thank you in advance for your support with this appeal.



E- Scooters

We are noticing an increasing number of Benhurst pupils bringing Electric Scooters (E-scooters) into school. Whilst these are being seen more regularly in the community, I feel it is important to make you aware of the guidance issued by the Met Police regarding these vehicles. The document can be found [here](#) and is published on our school website

E-Scooters should not be used under current guidance and they can be seized by the police if seen.

Please can I also remind you that all bikes and scooters should not be ridden anywhere on school site. Thank you.

Local Governing Body Representative

Last Friday, our Chair of Governors wrote to parents regarding the opportunity to become a member of our Local Governing Body. His letter containing full details of how to apply for the role, can be found [here](#).

School uniform Supplier

I would like to make you aware of a new school uniform provider in addition to the providers set out in our [Uniform Policy](#).

Top Notch Uniforms is run by one our parents and she can be contacted in the following way:

Telephone number (call, text or WhatsApp): 07306 808029

Email: topnotchuniforms@yahoo.com

Facebook: Top Notch Uniforms

Twitter: @Topnotchuniform

Instagram: top_notch_uniforms

I hope you all have an enjoyable half - term break. 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 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

Friday 23rd July ~ Last day of term for pupils (Normal home time)