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Dear Parents and Carers,

In the Prime Minister's briefing on Monday evening, we received the disappointing, but not entirely unexpected news, that the lifting of restrictions due for the 21st June has been pushed back to the 19th July at the earliest. This means that the restrictions we currently have in place will remain until the end of the school year:

- Pupils will remain in year group bubbles for all school 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. **Thank you for your cooperation with this measure.**
- 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 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 await further guidance for any restrictions which will remain for the start of the new school year in September and these will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

Parent Questionnaires

The Life Education Trust would like for your feedback on how Benhurst is meeting the needs of the children and their families. We would be grateful if you would take some time to complete the questionnaire by clicking the link below. Your opinion is valued and enables the school to continue improving. The children will also be undertaking similar questionnaires this month. If you have more than one child, you may wish to complete a survey for each child as you may have different views for each child. Thank you.

[Benhurst - LIFE Education Trust Parent Survey](#)

Parking

We have received a number of complaints in recent weeks from local residents regarding parking at drop off and pick up times. Please can I remind you to park considerately when collecting your children and not to block driveways. Havering Parking Enforcement Officers do patrol the area and may issue fines if required.



Sports Day

This year, sports day will consist of a Inter - Year Group Competition in order to maintain bubbles. Each year group will participate in a range of events in their colour teams during their allocated slot on Tuesday 6th July and Wednesday 7th July (Reserve dates in the case of poor weather: Monday 12th July and Tuesday 13th July). The winning colour team across all year groups will be announced following the final year group competing.

The children will wear their P.E kits for the event so please ensure these are in school along with a hat and their water bottle. Please apply sun cream before your child comes to school if required as you would normally do.

Due to current restrictions, we are unfortunately unable to invite parents to our Sports Day Events this year however, we will ensure that there are lots of photographs and the winning result is shared with you on Twitter.

Benhurst Summer Party

Our children have missed out on so much this year including the opportunities for whole school dress up days. In response to this, we would like to hold a Benhurst Summer Party on Friday 16th July. This is just for fun and no donation will be required. The children may wear bright and colourful summer clothes for the day. Swimwear items are not permitted and clothing must be suitable for usual school activities. Please ensure that all footwear have backs; flip flops are not permitted for safety reasons.

Office

This time of year, is particularly busy for the office team. Please be aware of this when contacting or visiting the school office. If you need to provide a notification of alternative pick up arrangements for your child, please provide as much notice as possible to ensure the messages can be communicated to class teachers. Many thanks for your understanding.

Trussell Trust Appeal

Please can I remind you of our ongoing appeal to support the Trussell Trust foodbanks this summer. 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 25th June. The date has been extended by a week. Thank you in advance for your support with this appeal.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Katherine Hart
Head teacher