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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful summer break and are looking forward to returning to school on Thursday 2nd September. As you will have seen over the summer the government have lifted many restrictions and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back with fewer restrictions at Benhurst. We will continue to keep our risk assessment updated to ensure our school community is kept safe. Here are a few key reminders to help us all settle in to the new school year.



- When the children return to school in September, there will no longer be staggered starts with the timings of the school day will returning to previous timings for all pupils.

Start time (all children)	Class doors open from 8:50 to 9:00 (9:00 registration time)
End time (all children)	3:30

- Pupils will no longer be required to be grouped in year group bubbles and wider mixing (including at breaktime and lunchtime and in assemblies) will be permitted.



School Site

- Face coverings are no longer required to be worn by parents and carers when on school site to drop off/collect your child. However, it is recommended by the government that face coverings are still worn in crowded areas. Please use your discretion when on school site.



Cleaning

- Our increased cleaning routines and increased hand washing will remain in place.

Isolation Guidance

- From **16th August 2021**, the isolation rules changed and children under 18, as well as double vaccinated adults, are no longer required to isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. Instead, they are advised to take a PCR test.
- In the event of a local outbreak, we may be required to re-introduce some previous measures and these would be communicated in this event.

Curriculum

- A full broad and balanced curriculum will be taught this academic year including swimming lessons for year 4. (A separate letter will be sent regarding this.)
- Home learning will include reading/spellings/phonics and optional termly projects. These will be shared with children and parents via Google Classroom.
- A range of topic – based school trips will be planned for this academic year.
- We are looking forward to holding larger assemblies once again.



Term Dates 2021 – 2022

The term dates for next academic year can be found here:

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20006/schools_and_education/221/school_term_and_holiday_dates

We are looking forward to a sustained period of school attendance for all pupils.

Our 5 planned INSET Days are as follows:

Wednesday 1st September 2021 (Pupils return to school on Thursday 2nd September 2021)

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 11th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Pupils are not required to attend school on these dates.

Bikes and Scooters

Ahead of our return, please can I remind you that bikes and scooters should not be ridden anywhere on school site as this could cause an accident. This applies to all members of our school community.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Alice Larkman

Headteacher

Key Dates

These are also on the school calendar -

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

Wednesday 1st September – INSET Day (Pupils are not required to attend)

Thursday 2nd September – First day of Autumn Term for Years 1 - 6



