

Benhurst Primary School



**A Guide to Year 3
September 2021**

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Class	Teacher	Additional Adult/s
3B	Miss M Britton (Year Group Leader)	Mrs J Jones Mr D Batt
3P	Miss E Pattison	Mrs J Gerbaldi Miss S Ricketts Miss C Newman

We operate an open-door policy regarding your child's wellbeing where you can speak to us about anything you think we should be aware of. Should you have any immediate concerns or information regarding your child during that day please feel free to mention it as they enter. Alternatively, if you require a more in-depth discussion, you will need to make an appointment to speak with the Class Teacher through the office.

If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment or will be collected by a different adult, please ensure that the office is informed so that all members of staff are aware of any changes. Should you arrive to school late in the morning, your child must enter via the school office. If you are going to be late collecting your child at the end of the school day, please email or phone the office, as soon as possible, to ensure the message reaches us by the end of the day. We hope that your child will enjoy their time in Year 3.



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General Year 3 Information



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The School Day

8:50 - 9:00	Arrive at school/registration
9:00 - 10:30	Lesson
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Lesson
11:45 - 12:45	Lesson
12:45 - 1:45	Lunch
1:45 - 3:30	Lesson

Curriculum

- The Year 3 curriculum overview can be found on our school website <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-3-curriculum/>

School trips/residentials

- There will be local walking trips until October Half term at which time we will review.

PE

- The children will be participating in outdoor and indoor PE throughout the year. For outdoor PE a dark tracksuit will be required. Trainers are optional. Girls will not be allowed to wear their tights during PE lessons so please provide socks.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled.

	<u>Indoor P.E.</u>	<u>Outdoor P.E.</u>
<u>3B</u>	Friday	Tuesday
<u>3P</u>	Wednesday	Monday

Equipment

- In Key Stage 2, every child is provided with a pencil case containing all the necessary equipment. These will be kept with them in school.
- All children have been provided with a planner which needs to be in school on a daily basis. At the front there is an agreement which needs to be signed by the parent(s)/carer(s) and the child. Each time your child reads at home please indicate this by signing the planner. Planners will be collected every Monday to check that your child has read at least four times.
- Children can have water bottles in class which can be purchased from the school office.

Homework

The Year 3 home learning information can be found on your child's Google Classroom:

<https://classroom.google.com/h>

Each week, your child will be given the following:

Maths

- Times Tables Rockstars - Children should practise their multiplication and division facts by using their Times Tables Rockstars account 5 times a week. This is a fantastic resource that will help the children to build their confidence and speed in recalling these facts. The children have their own unique logins.
<https://trockstars.com/>

The children will be given a laminated card with their username and password to keep at home. They will need to learn the password by heart for when they are required to access the site at school as they are not permitted to have it in written form.

- Mathematics - Children will be set at least 1 Maths activity per week linked to their Maths Learning in class. The children have their own unique logins. <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>. This will be set each Wednesday and will be due the following Wednesday.

English

- Spellings - New spellings are issued to the children each Wednesday. These will be added to Google Classroom weekly. Your child will practise spellings at school but they also need to practise them at home. Weekly spellings will be tested every Wednesday and your child will be aware of their score.
- Reading - We ask that the children read as often as possible with an adult/older sibling (at least four times a week). The children can fill in their own reading records if they are able to, but we kindly request that you still sign them yourselves. Please encourage your child to read a wide range of texts (both fiction and non-fiction) as this will greatly help them to learn new or challenging vocabulary.
- Reading books - Children will change their own reading books within the stage they are currently at. All children have been shown how to do this by an adult and will help build their independence. Books will only be changed once your child's planner has been signed four times.

Project Homework

- Optional project homework will be set each term via Google Classroom. These will link to the children's current Cornerstones topic. The projects are a wonderful opportunity for families to work together and enjoy some shared learning! Class teachers will share a termly due date for these projects and a certificate will be issued on completion.

Homework Summary

	<u>Set</u>	<u>Due Back In</u>
<u>Mathletics</u>	Wednesday	Wednesday
<u>Times Table Rockstars</u>	Daily	Daily
<u>Reading</u>	Reading book and planner to go home each day and be returned every morning.	Planners are checked every Monday for four signatures.
<u>Spelling</u>	Wednesday	Tested on a Wednesday

Assessments

At Benhurst, we assess children as part of our daily teaching through general observations of their learning and ongoing discussions. These daily interactions with your child are used to inform our planning and to develop your child's learning.

Useful Websites

Include any website links that may be helpful to parents. Please include:

Benhurst website - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/>

Year 3 homework - <https://classroom.google.com/h>

Mathletics - <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

SQUID - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/squid/>

Times Table Rockstars - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

Additional information

Throughout the Autumn term, we will be continuing with Phonics learning similar to Key Stage 1. This will help to embed the phonics knowledge the children require for reading and writing throughout Key Stage 2. If you have any questions about anything related to phonics or what you can do to help your child with phonics at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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Gaming and Social Media



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In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of children using social media and computer games aimed at a mainly teenage audience. This can cause issues at home and school and it is important that parents are aware of what their child is using and monitors it very closely.

For example, we know of children as young as 7 who have access to Fortnite, Call of Duty and GTA. To illustrate our concern, GTA is a game based on gang violence using knives and guns, stealing, nudity, extremely coarse language, alcohol abuse, stealing and selling illegal drugs, prostitution and breaking and entering. As parents, we would ask you to consider the boundaries you set for your children. For those who believe such games appropriate for their child at a primary age, I would ask if you would be comfortable allowing your child to see any of these situations in real life? Of course, the answer is no, so why allow them to see and hear these things on a computer?

Some studies have shown a direct link between children playing violent games and them behaving aggressively. It is becoming increasingly notable from the way children speak and play if they are exposed to such games and is a growing concern within our school.

Below is a guide to some popular social media platforms that you may find useful.



Instagram (age 13+) lets users snap, edit, and share photos and 15-second videos, either publicly or with a private network of followers. It also lets you apply fun filters and effects to your photos, making them look high quality and artistic.

What parents need to know:

- Children are on the lookout for "likes." Children may measure the "success" of their photos - even their self-worth (worryingly) by the number of likes or comments they receive.
- Public photos are the default. Photos and videos shared on Instagram are public unless privacy settings are adjusted.
- Private messaging is now an option. Instagram Direct allows users to send "private messages" to up to 15 mutual friends. These pictures don't show up on their public feeds.



Snapchat (age 13+) is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear. Many young people use the app to share silly or embarrassing photos without the risk of them going public. However, there are lots of opportunities to use it in other ways.

What parents need to know:

- It's a myth that Snapchats go away forever. Whenever an image is sent, it remains part of their digital footprint.
- It can make sending inappropriate images/messages seem OK. The seemingly risk-free messaging may actually encourage users to share pictures which they know they shouldn't.



Discord is a free app for mobile and PC that lets people chat via text, voice, or video in real time. It's an easy-to-use group-chatting tool for friends. Discord requires that users be at least 13 years old, although they do not verify users' age upon sign-up.

What parents need to know:

- The safest way to use Discord is to only accept friend requests and participate in private servers with people you already know.
- There is an 'open chat' option which means you could be talking to strangers from anywhere around the world. It is advisable to avoid this option.



WhatsApp (age 16+) users send text messages, audio messages, videos, and photos to one or many people with no message limits or fees.

What parents need to know:

- It can be pushy. After you sign up, it automatically connects you to all the people in your address book who also are using WhatsApp. It encourages you to add friends who haven't signed up yet.

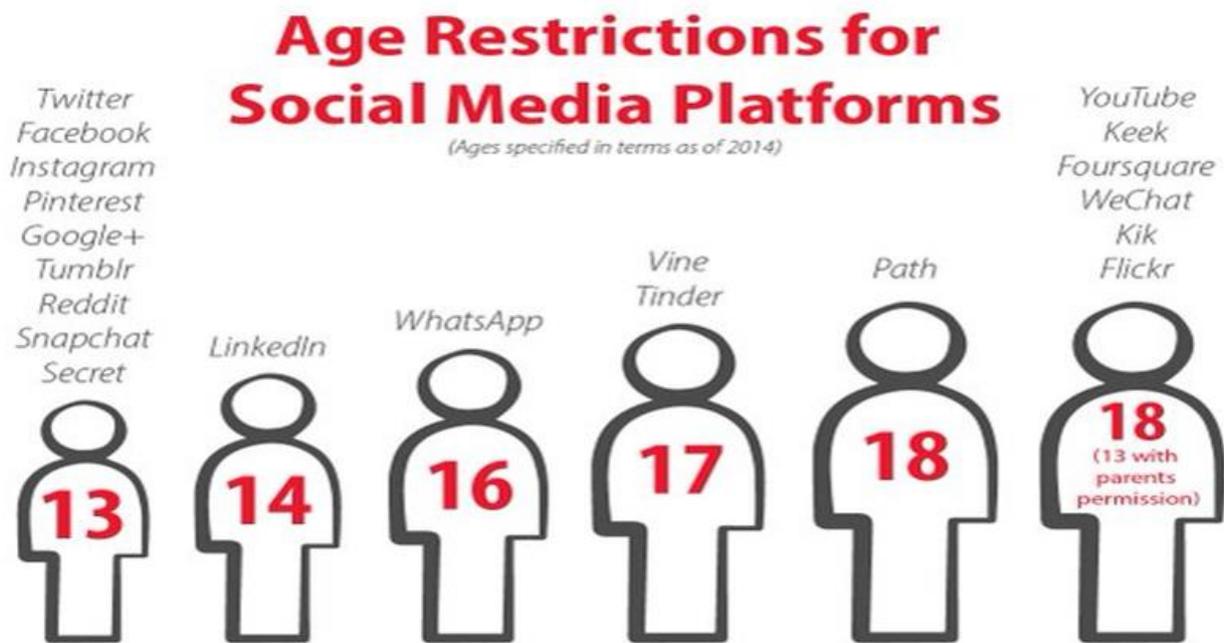


Skype (age 13+) is a computer programme and app, which lets you make audio and video calls to other users around the world. You can also send instant messages.

What parents need to know:

- It can be difficult to adjust the privacy settings
- It's difficult to work out how to report or block
- Information on keeping safe online isn't prominent on the site.

General Social Media Age Guide



Reporting a Concern

To report a concern about online grooming or sexual behaviour online, contact CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

Thank you in advance for your support and for keeping our children safe.



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Useful Information



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Name	Contact information
School phone number	01708 450807
School contact email (all email enquiries)	office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk
School website - Main Page	www.benhurst.havering.sch.uk
School Clubs and Sports list	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/clubs-and-sports
Reporting a child's absence online	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/reporting-an-absence
School Calendar	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar
sQuid	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/squid
Lunch Menu	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/school-dinners
ABACUS	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/abacus
SMART amp login	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/children/extended-learning
School Twitter	@BenhurstPrimary
School You Tube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd3hYuUGT-zoBb7zjv6IfJA