



# BENSHAM MANOR School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. I have very much enjoyed this busy half term, watching your children engaging in their learning. The children have also been celebrating Black History month and are looking forward to Multi-Cultural Day on Friday October 23rd where they can wear clothing that relates to their culture/a culture they are interested in. Parent/Carer evening was held remotely on Monday October 19th due to Covid restrictions and the feedback was very positive.

As you will all be aware by now, London has moved from Covid alert level Tier 1 to Tier 2. As part of this change, staff will now be required to wear a face covering when moving in corridors. We will talk to your child and explain the new changes. If you would like your child to wear a face covering then please ensure they bring one to school. In the context of coronavirus, a face covering is something which safely covers the nose and mouth. You can buy reusable or single-use face coverings. If your child is using a reusable mask then this must be washed on a daily basis.

Thank you to all who returned ballot papers for the Parent Governor election. I am very pleased to tell you that there were 63 ballot papers returned and that Matt Sowrey-Lewin has been elected to the Governing Board. I would like to express my gratitude to both Diane Hamilton- Harris and Matt Sowrey-Lewin for putting themselves forward for the position.

Attendance has been steadily rising - last week our attendance was at 94%. Government guidance is that all children should now be attending school unless ill.

Please see below a reminder on the symptoms of Covid and what you must do:

## COVID Symptoms

If your child or someone in your household develops one of the following symptoms of coronavirus, your child must not attend school.

Symptoms:

- A high temperature – which is 37.8 or higher
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal





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You should contact the school office and follow the guidelines set out by the Government for self-isolation and testing. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The £5 charge for life skills cooking and food technology is due to be paid. Thank you to those who have already paid - if you have yet to do so please log in to the Kidwizz app where you can make the payment. Thank you in advance.

If your child is currently attending an after-school club, please ensure that they are collected on time. Clubs finish at 4.15pm and we have had a number of instances where families have been late. This has been very distressing for some of the children. If you are persistently late in collecting your child, unfortunately, they will no longer be able to attend the club. If you would like your child to join a club, please contact the school office.

The half term holiday is the week beginning the 26th of October. Pupils return to school on Monday the 2nd of November.

I wish you all a restful holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Robinson

