

De Beauvoir Primary School

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Wednesday 20th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to tell you about some **upcoming building work** that will be taking place at De Beauvoir Primary School. Hackney Council has committed to investing £20m to improve and preserve the borough's school buildings for future generations. As part of this building investment, Hackney are restoring and repairing the façade of the school, roof and windows and the erection and repair of boundary walls and fencing. For this to happen, the school will be wrapped in scaffolding from **25th October 2021 until 8th April 2022** (provided there are no delays).



Whilst the project may cause some disruption, the plans have been drawn up to minimise impact for the pupils at De Beauvoir. We will be meeting with the contractors regularly to ensure that the disruption is minimal whilst this essential work is carried out. The purpose of the work is safeguarding our pupils and we have been identified by Hackney to have this work carried out now, however, please be reassured that there are no health and safety concerns at this time. We have sought advice from Hackney Council and external Fire Safety Officers and we have fire evacuation plans for all stages of the project and will regularly carry out fire drills to ensure the children are safe.

What this means for the pupils?

Whilst the scaffolding is being erected, there will be areas of the Early Years and playground that are out of bounds. We will still ensure that Early Years will have access to outdoor learning and will be linking their learning to the building work, with their own little role-play building site to explore and play in after half term. The building work will not affect the children's playtime, as there will still be lots of areas for the pupils to continue playing. There will also be changes to the start and end of day. Following the pandemic, we are dedicated to continue ensuring all children have their full school day, therefore we will not be staggering drop off and collection times, however this will be reviewed regularly.

What this means for parents/carers?

Due to the nature of the work, as the scaffolding is constructed, there will be changes with the new phases of the project. We are attempting to minimise the changes for parents and carers

Signage will inform parents where collection and drop off points are. Pictures are included overleaf and additional letters will be sent when there are updates of changes. Unfortunately, Beech and Birch Class will not be able to be collected from their classroom doors for the duration of the works, however, we will still be available for discussions at the end of the day.

Thank you for your understanding and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. More information will be shared about the Spring Term logistics before Christmas.

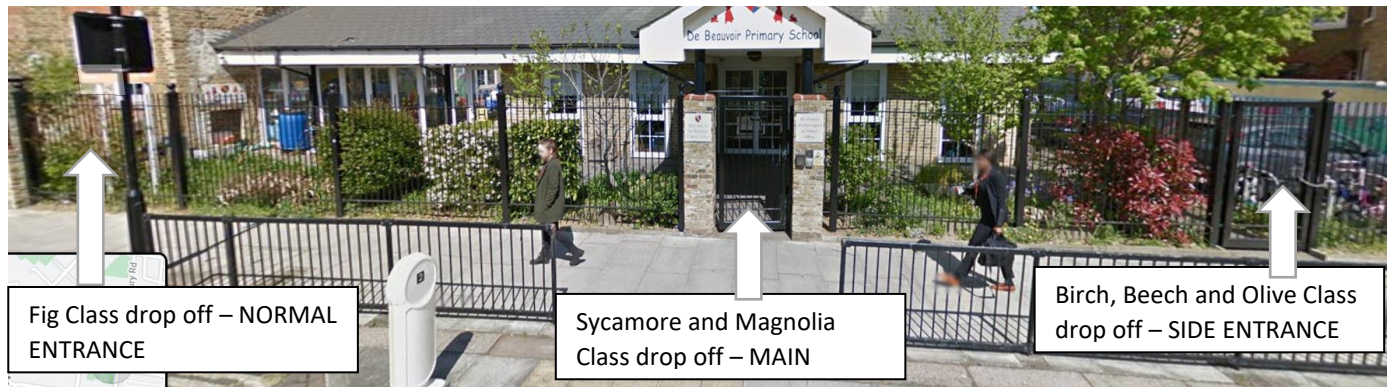
Kind regards,

Daniela Rader

Head of School

Phase 1 – week commencing 25th October (during half term) – 6th November

Drop off – 8.45am

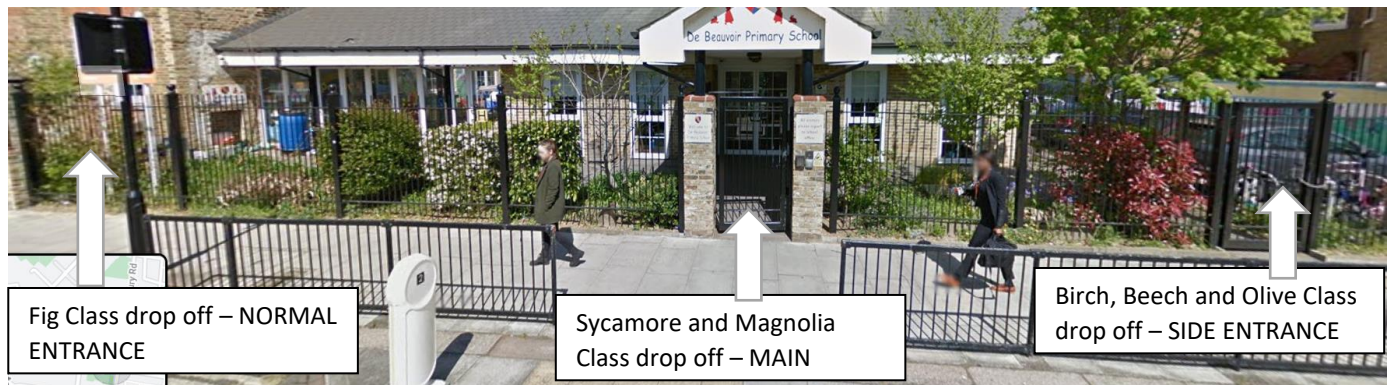


Collection – 3.30pm



Phase 2 – week beginning 8th November – 9th December

Drop off – 8.45am



Collection – 3.30pm

