

# De Beauvoir Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy term we have had! It has been wonderful seeing all the children being able to engage with a range of learning experiences, including a residential trip to Ufton Court, off-site educational visits, workshops and visitors to school. Beech Class visited the Hackney City Farm, Magnolia Class travelled to space at the Science Museum and Sycamore Class made their own Maya-inspired chocolate at The Chocolate Museum. We celebrated Black History Month, welcoming parents to school to see the amazing learning that we had been doing and Mrs Binnie ran a number of coffee mornings about Early Reading and phonics. The teaching and learning in school has been amazing, look on twitter to see examples of the fantastic work from our pupils.



Spring Term starts on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**, however, I understand parents/carers, pupils and staff may have anxieties around a possible move to remote learning and potential school closures. We have made contingency plans for January closures just in case but be reassured that we are expecting to see you all in the New Year. If the government changes the guidance, I will send you information by email during the holidays. Please be reassured that we are doing everything we can to guarantee that any changes to the provision have minimal disruption and ensure the continuation of teaching and learning for all pupils.

## What you can do to help!

- All adults are encouraged to have **COVID vaccinations/booster** – these can be booked online <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>
- If you are **travelling abroad** over Christmas, please **follow all Government rules** for testing and quarantine and please note, absence due to quarantining or changes to the red list cannot be authorised.
- We are also encouraging families to regularly do **Lateral Flow Tests**, including one before returning to school after the holidays, particularly if there has been any travel.

- If your **child develops symptoms** of COVID-19, they must go for a **PCR test** immediately (follow the guidance for positive tests as outlined in previous letters).
- Please **socially distance** and **wear face coverings** (unless exempt) when collecting or dropping off your child/ren at school

### Start and End of Day Arrangements from 5<sup>th</sup> January



All children should arrive at **8:45am** and be collected at **3:30pm**. Children in Beech Class (Y1), Birch Class (Y2), Olive Class (Y3/4), Magnolia Class (Y5) and Sycamore Class (Y6) should enter down the side passage and go straight to their classroom using the side entrance. Fig Class (EYFS), will enter through the EYFS entrance and go straight to their classrooms. Parents in Fig, Beech and Birch Class are able to accompany their children to the classroom doors in the morning, however, we do ask parents to socially distance and wear masks, unless exempt where entering the school building. Messages for class teachers can be given to staff on the gate or to Ms Icilda in the office.

Collection for Fig Class (EYFS) will be from their classroom doors. Beech Class (Y1), Birch Class (Y2), Olive Class (Y3/4), Magnolia Class (Y5) and Sycamore Class (Y6) will be collected from the playground. We do ask parents to **socially distance** where possible and **wear masks, unless exempt** when collecting their child/ren.

Children in Magnolia Class (Y5) and Sycamore Class (Y6) can travel home independently, however, we need written permission before we are able to dismiss children independently.

### Wraparound Care – starting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

We are continuing to run breakfast and extended day provision in conjunction with Holy Trinity CE Primary School. All the information is available from the Holy Trinity CE Primary School website – Parents – Extended Provision. Holy Trinity CE Primary School is located at Beechwood Road, London E8 3DY, roughly a 5/10 minute walk from De Beauvoir Primary School.

Breakfast Club and Extended Day Care will resume on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January, HOWEVER**, if you would like a place for your child, please contact **Holy Trinity** and note that fees will need to be paid in advance. A timetable of After School clubs will be shared when it has been finalised, with more information about signing up and registering information. Further information is available from the Holy Trinity CE Primary School website.

[Holy Trinity Primary School | Extended Provision](#)

### P.E.

P.E. will start from the first week back and children are expected to wear **school P.E. kits**. Please note that some days and times have changed, please see the timetable below. Magnolia Class will start swimming and will require a swimming costume/trunks, towel, swimming hat and goggles (optional).



This consists of:

- White t-shirt/polo shirt;
- Navy tracksuit or shorts;
- Outdoor P.E. shoes.

Children will need to wear **school P.E. kit** all day on the day of their lesson.



| P.E. Days  |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday:    | Olive Class (Y3/4)             |
| Tuesday:   | Magnolia Class (Y5) - SWIMMING |
| Wednesday: | Birch Class (Y2)               |
| Thursday:  | Beech Class (Y1)               |
| Friday:    | Sycamore Class (Y6)            |



### Uniform and P.E. kits

All children are expected to be in **correct uniform**, and please take particular note about the policy around school shoes:

- Dark grey trousers; grey skirts or pinafore or a blue summer dress;
- White polo shirt, shirt or t-shirt with/without the school logo;
- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with/without the school logo;



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- **Plain black, closed toe footwear (not higher than the ankle, no trainers or raised platforms or jelly shoes);**
- Small plain silver or gold studs should be worn in pierced ears, otherwise all earrings should be removed;
- Hair accessories should be grey, navy or black.

**Please name removable clothing** to avoid property being lost at school.

We also have a huge amount of second-hand uniform available from school. We are trying to encourage our pupils to be environmentally conscious and therefore encourage families to buy second hand uniform rather than buying new. If you need any uniform in the new year, please speak to Ms Icilda.



### Water

The water fountains at school will remain out of use next term to avoid children from different classes using the same facilities. **Please ensure that your child brings a named bottle of water to school** with them daily.

### Nut-free school

Please note that De Beauvoir is a **nut-free school**. Please do not put any nut products in your child's lunch box. We have children in school with nut allergies, so it is essential that everyone is vigilant and there are no nuts in school in any form. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.



Wishing those families who celebrate Christmas a very Merry Christmas and to all our families, a wonderful break and a Happy New Year. See you all on the **5<sup>th</sup> January**.

Daniela Rader  
Head of School

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