



Dear Parents/Carers

It really was lovely welcoming all children and their families back to school for the new academic year, this week. Your children are a real credit to you; they have settled back in to school routines very quickly and had lots of great thoughts in our first assembly of the year. I am excited about all of the great things this school year will bring.

We continue to be passionate about providing the very best for ALL children at Becontree and look forward to sharing curriculum information for each year group with you; finishing touches are being made as I type.

Thank you to parents and carers who responded to our consultation task in the summer term about the events and special days we will celebrate as a school community. More information will be sent out soon with details for the whole school year.

It always seems madness to start thinking about next academic year when we have only just started this one, but schools are required to publish term dates for the current and the next academic year at this point in time.

Please check the website next week for our school term dates for 2027/28!



Here's to another incredible year!

Marie Ziane (Headteacher)

Welcome to new staff

We said goodbye to some staff at the end of last year and I am very happy to welcome you to some new members of our team.

From left to right:

Miss Habtes (Year 2 teacher)

Miss Shaikh (ARP teacher)

Mrs Musa (Learning Support Assistant/Agency)

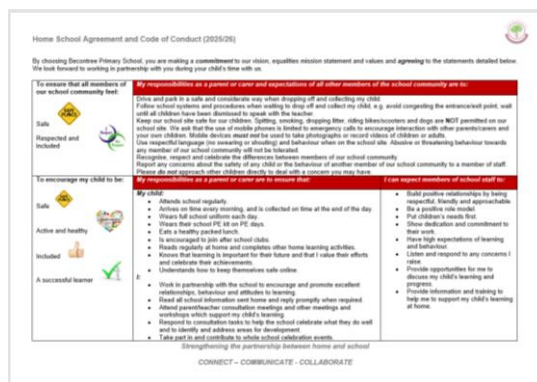


Home School Agreement

Our Home School Agreement sets out clear expectations that help us all to work in partnership with one another in the best interests of ALL Becontree children and their families.

Keeping our children safe and creating a sense of community and belonging for all members of our school are our biggest priorities.

A copy of our **Home School Agreement** has been attached to the same email as this newsletter.



Welcome to new children and families

A very warm welcome to all new children and their families. We hope that you will enjoy your time at Becontree.

We are all very friendly, so please do ask if you need any help.



Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our school community is a safe, respectful and welcoming place for everyone.





Key Information

Home School Communication

Our main form of home-school communication is via **email**. Please ensure that we always have up-to-date information regarding your contact details. Do speak to the office staff if you are not receiving any correspondence.



Don't miss out on newsletters, notices about after-school clubs, trips and events, photo day and more! Sign-up today – it is FREE! Please contact the school office if you need help.



Letters are also used as a form of communication – sometimes via email and also in paper-format.

To be as eco-friendly as possible, we try to only share paper-based letters if a return/reply slip is attached.

Our **school website** has been upgraded, following a consultation with parents/carers last year. We are currently working hard to make sure it continues to provide you with all the information you need. Please do let us know if you feel something is missing that you used to find useful on the old website.



Teachers are available at the end of the school day. Please wait until they have dismissed all children if you would like a **quick chat**.



There will be a more formal opportunity to meet and discuss children's progress during our Parent/Teacher **consultation meetings** which will take place week beginning the 20th October. Online bookings will be available from the 5th October and will be emailed to you.



If you would like to arrange a **meeting with any member of staff** at a different time, please contact the school office:
office @becontreeprimaryschool.com
02082704900





Polite Reminders



Pupil Premium: please help!

If you are in receipt of a means-tested benefit you may be able to apply for Pupil Premium. Pupils who are eligible generate additional funding for the school which is vital for us to continue to provide our enhanced curriculum and fun activities.

Please see Mrs Smallman in the school office if you think you may be eligible.



Please help your child to choose their lunch at home using SchoolGrid. You can book for 6-8 weeks in advance. Doing this, means that your child will not get upset or miss out on their preferred option and also saves valuable learning time.



DOLCE, our catering provider, has asked us to remind you that children who have not placed a lunch order at home will be provided with a jacket potato (with a choice of fillings). Other meal choices will only be available to children who pre-order.

Contributions to Enrichment Activities

Becontree children benefit from many Magic Moments, including trips and in-school activities. Many of these are free or funded by the school but sometimes we ask parents to contribute.

Without your support, we are not able to offer these experiences. Please support as much as you can.

If you ever need help to access SchoolGrid or are struggling to pay, please speak to the school office for assistance.

After School Club information will be shared very soon. Clubs will start week beginning 21st September. You can also use SchoolGrid to pay for these. If you are not set up or have a problem logging in, please speak to the office staff.





Keeping Our Children Safe

Our priority is to create a safe, inclusive environment where **every child can learn, play and thrive with confidence.**

Benedict's Law

From September 2026, new statutory guidance known as **Benedict's Law** strengthens allergy safety in schools across England. The guidance aims to ensure that children with allergies are consistently protected, supported and included.

As a school, we have strengthened our allergy procedures, ensuring staff have appropriate allergy awareness and emergency response training, maintaining up-to-date healthcare plans and ensuring emergency adrenaline auto-injectors are available where required.

Please ensure we have up to date information about any allergies your child has.



Keeping Children Safe in Education

The safety and wellbeing of our children remains our highest priority. As a school, we follow the latest guidance in **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026**, which sets out the responsibilities of schools in protecting children from harm and promoting their welfare.

Our staff receive regular safeguarding training and we are committed to ensuring we have robust policy, systems and procedures in place to ensure we continue to create a safe, caring and inclusive environment where every child feels listened to, respected and supported.

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact either Mrs Stock (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Stonier (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).



Mobile phones

Department for Education (DfE) guidance, states that schools should be mobile phone-free environments throughout the school day. This guidance became statutory in June 2026, with schools expected to follow it from September 2026. **Further information can be found in the DfE guidance: Mobile phones in schools – Department for Education.**

The aim of this change is to minimise distractions, support pupils' concentration and learning, encourage face-to-face social interaction, and help promote online safety during the school day.

In response to this we have updated our own **Mobile Phones Policy**. We recognise that some families of children in year 5 and 6 may wish their child to carry a mobile phone when travelling to and from school. For this reason, we are allowing non-smart phones to be brought in to school where necessary; however, these will be collected at the start of the school day and returned at the end of the school day. If you wish your child to be allowed a non- smart phone in school, an agreement/permission letter needs to be signed. This can be done through the school office.

We appreciate the support of parents and carers in helping pupils understand and follow these expectations. A copy of the full mobile phone policy is available on the school website, and any questions can be directed to the school office.