



Dear Parents/Carers

I was very happy to welcome all children and their families back to school for the new academic year this week. Children looked very smart in their uniform and have settled back in to school routines very quickly.

This year is an exciting one for our school as we celebrate our 100th birthday. We have lots of exciting things planned between 15th and 26th September for children to take part in, all ending with a community celebration on Friday 26th September that you are all invited to join. More details will be sent out soon.

We are passionate about providing the very best for ALL children at Becontree and continue to welcome feedback from you about things we do well and any areas you feel we could develop further. Please do share your thoughts with us. Best ways of communicating with us are detailed within this newsletter.

At this time of year, schools are required to publish term dates for the current and the next academic year. Please see the website for our school term dates for 2025/26 and 2026/27.

More information will be sent out soon about themes, events and special days we will celebrate during the 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:

Mrs Iqbal (Nursery teacher)

Mrs Anderson (Learning Support Assistant)

Miss Khan (Learning Support Assistant)

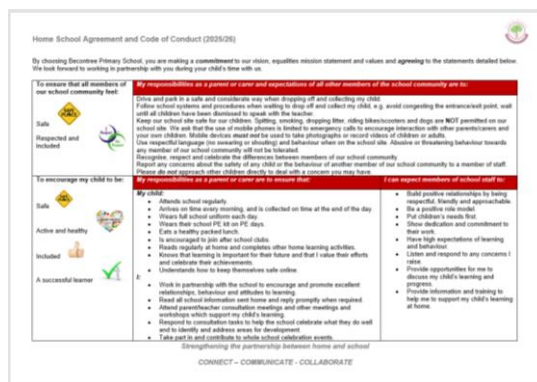


Updated Home School Agreement

We regularly update our school policy documents to make sure that they are still relevant.

Our **Home School Agreement** has been updated and I have attached a copy to the same email as this newsletter.

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.



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 Changes

At Becontree Primary School, we believe that ALL children have learning, well-being and safeguarding needs; these principles underpin our exemplary inclusive practices throughout the school.



Children at Becontree engage positively with their learning and with one another, because all staff have high expectations of them and have developed encouraging respectful relationships with them. In order to ensure that we continue to promote positive relationships in line with our vision and values, we have made some changes to our systems and practices for Behaviour and Learning, for example, how we promote positive behaviours and learning expectations, how we reward children and what consequences children have when things go wrong. These new changes have been introduced to children this week, so you might hear children talking about some of the changes listed below.

Class Recognition Boards

- Class Recognition Boards will replace our previous system called Stay on Green.
- Each class will have a target that they are working on. Targets are taken from our behaviour and learning expectations or link directly to our school vision and values.
- At the start of each week, the class recognition board is blank, and the teacher and children agree a target. This is written on the board, e.g. I listen to others when they talk, and I take turns to speak.
- When a child meets the target, their name or photo is added to the board. Once a child's name has been added, it cannot be removed.
- The aim is to get everyone's name/photo on the board. Targets are changed at least fortnightly.
- There is a focus on collaboration so children and adults support ALL children to achieve this!



Over and Above Tickets

We want to recognise and reward those children who go **over and above** our normal behaviour and learning expectations. This will be done via a weekly Over and Above Ticket which will replace the previous Golden Tickets.

Children who receive an Over and Above Ticket in assembly, will be invited to a special recognition lunch on Friday with a member of SLT.



Positive Notes Home will replace the KS1 behaviour certificates and KS2 behaviour badges.

For children who consistently follow our behaviour and learning expectations, positive notes home will be shared with parents/carers. Notes will detail something exceptional your child has achieved/demonstrated.



Restorative Conversations (Repair)

We know that sometimes children can make 'wrong choices'. We will work with children to get them to understand the impact that their behaviour can have on themselves and others. When things go wrong 'restorative conversations' will be held with adults in the school. These conversations aim to help children to reflect on what happened and help them learn to accept responsibility for what happened and how to make things right again.

There is a 5 stage tiered approach to consequences that are put in place in order for children to be given an opportunity to turn their behaviour around. Parents will always be informed if we have a significant concern about a child's behaviour.

Further information about our new systems and practices will be shared at upcoming Curriculum Expectation Meetings which you will be invited to attend.





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.



Over 30% of parents/carers already use our **communication APP**. We aim to have the majority signed-up by the end of December. 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** is regularly updated and has key information, such as school term dates and a themes and events overview. Here you can also find key information for each year group, curriculum planning and home learning guidance.



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 6th 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.



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



We still have children who are regularly not booking their lunches from home. 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 miss out and saves valuable learning time.

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. You can also use SchoolGrid to pay for these. If you are not set up or have a problem getting in, please speak to the office staff.

