



VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1. Special times

This is a special time of year as many families celebrate Ramadan and Eid this term. We wish **all** our communities an enjoyable time of celebrations.



2. Nursery places

We are registering for September 2025, and at both sites, we will offer **ALL-DAY provision** (8.30am - 3.30pm) to a limited number of pupils. Enquire at the offices about places and procedures. Don't miss out.....



3. Uniform available

We have a selection of good quality used uniform in the *The Roost* on both sites. Open every Monday at 9.00am at Bonham, and Tuesday at 3.30pm at St George's.

4. Local environment issues

We have noticed a marked deterioration in the cleanliness of our local pavements and streets. Please join us in reporting fly-tipping and extreme littering, as this is spoiling where we live and work. Follow this link:



[Report fly-tipping | London Borough of Barking and Dagenham](#)



5. Polite reminder

Pupils are asked not to play football or basketball, ride scooters, etc in the playgrounds before school due to the number of parents and other children on site....

6. PE lessons

All children are expected to take part in PE lessons when they are in school. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum. If there are medical reasons for withdrawal from PE lessons, please provide a written signed letter to the class teacher in the morning.



7. Rights Respecting School

We continue to work with the pupils for the UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). We have already achieved Silver and have our eyes set on Gold.

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8. World Book Day

Well done to all the pupils (and parents!) who made World Book Day such a wonderfully creative occasion. It was great to see the homemade creations. Have a look on the website for a wide selection of costumes and outfits.



9. Home-school communication

If you have a message for the class teacher, please pass it via the member of staff on duty by the entrance doors or use ClassDojo. It is not always convenient for the teacher to talk at 8.45am as they are preparing the class and taking the register.

10. Did you know....?

The amount of time children spent using devices can be harmful or helpful to your child's development. Here are tips to make sure your child benefits from the time spent online:

- limit children to an agreed amount of time per day.
- think carefully about what children are doing while they are online and whether or not it is stimulating.
- time spent online should not interfere with family time or schoolwork.
- be clear with your child about why you are limiting their time online and that it is for their benefit.



This is a useful site: [Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#)

11. Reporting pupil absence

Please advise the school at least 24 hours in advance, if a child has an appointment, rather than on the day, and provide evidence of appointment via school email or the office. This allows us time to ensure your child is ready and time for us to talk with you about the appointment.

Also, if a child is absent, please provide the school with evidence of any medical appointments (card/phone message from doctor to office) so school can support the absence. Absence due to ill health can also be evidenced with a copy of medication prescribed to your child.

12. Why is attending school every day so important?

Let's aim high – aim for **100%** attendance. This gives children the best chance to succeed. The government research says that in order for pupils to make the best progress, they should be in school at least 96.5% attendance. Do you know your child's attendance percentage? The class teacher can inform you.



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