



Beam County Primary School
Oval Road North, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 9ED.

Monday 8th January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Subject: Welcome Back to School and Happy New Year!

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a joyful holiday season surrounded by family and friends. As we embark on a new year, I extend a warm welcome back to school to both you and your children.

The start of a new year is a time for reflection, goal-setting, and fresh beginnings. At Beam, we are excited to resume our educational journey with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Furthermore, most of our building projects are near completion.

Our dedicated team of educators is committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and intellectually stimulating environment where your children can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We have exciting plans and initiatives lined up for the upcoming months to enhance our pupils' overall learning experiences.

The Big Ambition

All school leaders were asked recently to make students and parents/carers aware of 'The Big Ambition'. This survey was set up by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza. The Children's Commissioner is a non-party political role whose role is to champion children's rights nationwide. You can learn more about the commissioner's work on her website [here](#).

The Big Ambition is a survey aimed at all young people to ask them about themselves, their experiences, and their ambitions for the future. As we approach the general election, it is important to support children and young people in making their views and opinions known to policymakers, government officials, and decision-makers.

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This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. If you would like to participate in this survey, you can follow this link: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition or scan this QR code:



Our focus remains on fostering a love for learning, encouraging creativity, and instilling values that will serve your children well in their future endeavours, including perseverance and resilience.

As partners in your child's education, we appreciate your continued support. Your involvement, whether through parent-teacher Progress Meetings (**please remember that there is a Progress Meeting on Thursday, 11th January 2025**), school events, information meetings, or volunteering, contributes significantly to our shared goal of providing the best possible education for your child.

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering strong communication between home and school, we have always provided three opportunities for you to review your child's progress. This year the Progress Meetings are:

1. Thursday 11th January 2024 - 5 minutes - virtual
2. **Wednesday 27th March 2024 - 10 minutes - in-person**
3. Thursday 18th July - in person. Review the year and have an opportunity to meet the new teacher.

The Department for Education advises that for each year group, schools must provide at least **one** opportunity per year for parents or carers to discuss their child's progress with a teacher. This is set out in Regulation 6 of [The Education \(Pupil Information\) \(England\) Regulations 2005](#).

As noted, we provided three to provide you with valuable insights into your child's academic, social, and emotional development, fostering a collaborative partnership in their education journey. I want to thank my staff for ensuring they go above and beyond for our children.

May this new year bring success, joy, and fulfilment to your family. Together, let's make 2024 a year of growth, achievement, and memorable experiences for our pupils.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We encourage you to [press here for a Concern form link](#) if you have a concern. You can find further information regarding complaints or concerns [by pressing this link](#), (you will be directed to the school's website page).

We look forward to another fantastic year of collaboration and learning.

Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Miss T Whittington
Headteacher