



The James Hornsby School

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9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting improvements to our school grounds - The James Hornsby School is working with Essex County Council on a Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) and Green Infrastructure project during 2026/27.

The aim is to make our school grounds greener, more resilient to heavy rainfall and better for wildlife, while creating new opportunities for students to learn outdoors.

The improvements may include new trees and shrubs, rain gardens, wildlife habitats, pollinator-friendly planting, improved outdoor learning areas and educational signs. Some features will also help manage rainwater and reduce the impact of heavy rainfall and flooding.

What will students gain? As well as improving the school environment, the project will give students opportunities to learn more about nature and biodiversity, flooding and water management, climate resilience, sustainable drainage and caring for the environment. Greater access to nature and improved outdoor spaces should also support student wellbeing.

What do parents and carers need to know? The work will be carefully planned with the school to minimise disruption. At different stages, contractors, surveyors and delivery vehicles may be on site, and some outdoor areas could be temporarily fenced off or have changes to access.

The school will remain open throughout the project, and safeguarding, health and safety will remain a priority. Parents and carers will be informed directly if there are any changes that affect access or normal school arrangements.

The project is being funded by Essex County Council and the Department for Education, so these improvements are being delivered through external funding.

Further information, including the final designs and dates for the work, will be shared once these have been approved.

As part of that ongoing support, please find below the relevant contact details for various departments and teams across the school:

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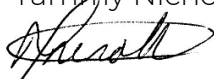
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Kind regards

Tammy Nicholls



Headteacher

Calendar dates:

Monday 12th October – Attendance Focus Week

Thursday 15th October – Primary Maths Event and Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Tuesday 20th October – Wear It Pink Charity Day, Year 7 Disco and Year 8 Trip to Boulogne and Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Wednesday 21st October – Year 10 Tate Modern Trip, Year 10 Geography Field Trip, Year 9 STEM Trip, Year 8 & 9 Thorpe Park and Year 7 Enrichment Day. Break up for half term at normal 3pm time.

School returns after October Half Term at normal time on 2nd November 2026

Wednesday 4th November – STEER Surveys begin

Monday 9th November – PSHE Assembly Year 7

Thursday 12th November – Year 11 Academic Review Evening

Friday 13th November – STEM Visit for Year 9

Friday 20th November – Science Live Event for Year 7 & 8

Week beginning 23rd November – Charity Week, Student Voice Week, Careers & STEM Week

Tuesday 24th November – Year 10 Apprentice Workshops

Thursday 26th November – Year 7 – 10 Alumni 'Inspire the next generation' talks



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