



Nechells E-ACT Academy
Eliot Street
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Friday 18 May 2018

Dear parent,

I write to update you on the ongoing works at Nechells E-ACT Academy following the incident last week and to confirm the interim arrangements for our pupils whilst works continue at our academy.

An update on works at the academy

Our structural engineers are continuing their investigations, and we have also employed the services of specialist contractors who will be on site over the next week.

Our technical specialists have confirmed that the material fall was plaster. As a matter of course, the tests carried out when such incidents occur include reassurance air tests, which in our case have confirmed that there were no harmful fibres in the fallen material.

I am pleased to confirm that the three children and staff caught up in the incident were treated and discharged by emergency services at the scene.

SATs arrangements for our Year 6 pupils

In order to ensure that our Year 6 pupils could take their SATs in a comfortable, age-appropriate environment, pupils and their class teachers were bussed on a daily basis to nearby Merritts Brook E-ACT Academy, where I am also headteacher.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Nechells pupils on their excellent behaviour during this time and to thank the pupils and staff of Merritts Brook E-ACT Academy for their support.

Interim arrangements for all Nechells pupils

As of Wednesday 16 May, all of our pupils have been able to continue their Nechells education just one mile away from our academy at nearby Heartlands E-ACT Academy.

We have sole use of Heartlands' sixth form centre which we have filled with age-appropriate furniture and other facilities so that our pupils can feel at home from the moment they walk in to Heartlands.

The chief executive of E-ACT, David Moran and I met Nechells pupils and parents on Tuesday 15 May to tour the sixth form centre at Heartlands and to answer any questions.

Keeping you in the loop

Our primary concern is of course the safety and welfare of our pupils and staff. I therefore take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Whilst works continue at our academy, I will be sure to keep you updated of all developments. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can email us at nechells.info@e-act.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Hall'.

Joanne Hall
Headteacher