

Nechells E-ACT Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank those of you who provided feedback in our recent survey. Comments were both positive and supportive, which is appreciated by all of us at Nechells.

We have been contacting parents by email, text and phone to offer support and are really impressed with the effort children are putting in with their online learning. We have sent printed packs of work to families who have struggled to access Google Classroom.

If you are having any issues accessing Google Classroom, please contact your child's class teacher via their email address, or by calling the school office on 07713 349836 or 07712 232950.

It is important that you continue reading with your child at home. Even if you are only able to spare 10 minutes a day, reading with your child is one of the best ways you can support their education.

A reminder that next Friday, 7 May, is a Bank Holiday. If you would like your child to complete work on Friday, Teachers will have uploaded work beforehand. Any feedback, requests or questions will be responded to the following week.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend.

Mrs L Mahony, Headteacher

## **Free School Meals**

From week commencing 27 April 2020, families of pupils eligible for free school meals should have received a 16 digit e-Code to be used to order a supermarket eGift card on [www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk). The eGift cards can currently be used to purchase food items in Sainsburys, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose, Marks and Spencer and Aldi. We are aware that there are currently some issues with accessing vouchers, due to issues with the website. In some cases, we are aware that the 16 digit e-Code has not been received. Edenred, who are running the scheme on behalf of the Department for Education, are aware of the issues and are trying to resolve them. Please be assured that we are also doing all we can to monitor the situation.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please enter your details on the following website – <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham> or contact the school office via email - [nechells.info@e-act.org.uk](mailto:nechells.info@e-act.org.uk) or by calling 07713 349836 or 07712 232950, from 9.00am to 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.

## **Reception**

If you are interested in a Reception place at Nechells Primary for September, please contact Mrs Baldwin on 07713 349836.

## **Useful Numbers**

You may find the following numbers useful:

School Office - 07713 349836 or 07712 232950 (9.00am to 3.00pm Mon-Fri)

Childline - 0800 11 11

Samaritans - 116 123

Aston and Nechells Foodbank - 07384 213621 or 0121 359 0801

Birmingham Central Foodbank - 0121 236 2997

**Additional support can be found on our school website.**





## ***Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility***



### **Taking care of your mental health and wellbeing**

If you are staying at home more than you usually would, it might feel more difficult than usual to take care of your mental health and wellbeing.

These are some ideas which may help:

- Connect with people: Make plans to video chat with people or groups you'd normally see in person.
- Set a daily routine: Try to follow your ordinary routine as much as possible. Get up at the same time as normal, follow your usual morning routines, and go to bed at your usual time. Set alarms to remind you of your new schedule if that helps.
- Try to keep active.
- Get as much sunlight, fresh air and exposure to nature as you can.
- Take care with news and information. Social media could help you stay in touch with people, but might also make you feel anxious if people are sharing news stories or posting about their worries. Consider taking a break or limiting how you use social media.

Additional advice can be found on <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/#collapse6bb72>

### **Learning online at home**

As many of our children will be at home completing online learning, we need to make sure we maintain open and regular conversations with our children about what they are doing online, and who they are interacting with. We ask that you set clear rules for them and ensure screen time is being monitored.

Each week class teachers will share an online safety activity to be completed. We ask that you encourage your children to engage with the content and use this as a time to talk about online safety at home.

## **Virtual Learner Stars of the Week**

**These pupils have been chosen by their teachers for their excellent work this week.**

	<b>Google Classroom:</b>	<b>Maths:</b>	<b>English:</b>	<b>Wider curriculum:</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Jesse Chana	Asher Khan		
<b>Year 1</b>	Armaan Khan	Shahd Ahmed	Anayah Haidry	Anayah May Lewis
<b>Year 2</b>	Deeya Muthafar	Ammarah Chohan	Amir Abdalla	Zak Ali
<b>Year 3</b>	Aisha Sadiq	Raheem Arfan	Abdullahi Abdulkadir	Sean Lewis-Williams
<b>Year 4</b>	Kaleem Exell	Real-Star Schofield	Maylee Maruf	Larissa Keenan
<b>Year 5</b>	Faryat Islam	Musa Nawaz	Adam Chohan	Saaleha Hussain
<b>Year 6</b>	Hamdi Guleid	Eshan Khan	Sana Mahmood	Ali-Aar Mohamed