



w/c Monday 4 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Well done to pupils for their efforts learning at home. As each week passes, I hope you and your families are finding a routine that works for you all. We do understand that home learning is not easy; some days may feel productive and others less so. If you are having any issues accessing Google Classroom, please contact your child's class teacher via their email address, or call the school office on 07713 349836 or 07712 232950

If pupils would like to complete schoolwork tomorrow, teachers have set some work online for them. Any feedback, requests or questions will be responded to next week.

As a nation, tomorrow we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) day. The occasion will remember the contribution of British, Commonwealth and Allied armed forces personnel, as well as marking the Allies' victory in 1945. The bank holiday will serve as an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve in the UK Armed Forces and their families. I hope you will take the opportunity to safely remember and honour those who gave so much to secure the freedom and liberty we enjoy today.

We are currently waiting for government updates about any potential changes to the lockdown - this will be communicated as soon as we know more.

There is a small surprise on its way to pupils from teachers and staff, which will hopefully make them smile!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs L Mahony
Headteacher

Reception

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

Year 5 - Grammar School Entrance Tests

Registration for the optional entrance test for admission to the eight Grammar Schools in Birmingham in September 2021 is now open. The deadline for registering for the test is **4pm on Friday 26 June 2020**.

Children only need to sit one entrance test to be considered for any of the grammar schools in Birmingham. The entrance test for September 2021 entry will be held on Saturday 12 September 2020 (this may be subject to change depending on the COVID-19 situation).

Parents can find more information about the test and can register their child for the test by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org or contacting:

Admissions Team, **The Grammar Schools in Birmingham** Foundation Office, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham, B15 2UD.

Telephone: 0121 415 6004

Website: www.birminghamgrammarschools.org



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Caribu video calling

This is a family video-calling app which includes a library of children's books and activities (suited to younger children) that you can read and complete together through the app.

This is currently free until 24 May 2020.

More information available here: <https://caribu.com/>

Live streaming

What is live streaming?

Live streaming is when somebody broadcasts live (real time) video through an app or website. For example, users can live stream on Instagram, Twitch or Facebook. Children also post pre-recorded videos and share them through apps such as YouTube or share them to friends via apps such as WhatsApp. Whilst live streaming, other users can comment, react and chat. Most of these apps are for those aged over 13+.

Risks:

If your child has a public profile, then potentially people they don't know will be watching their videos, commenting and chatting with them.

- Whilst using these apps/sites, your child could view inappropriate content.
- Your child may share personal information.
- Videos can be recorded or screenshots taken, so even if you subsequently delete the video then somebody may still have a copy of it to share.
- Your child could be subjected to cyberbullying.
- Your child may participate in online challenges which can sometimes be risky. How can I help keep my child safe? Use apps/websites together so you can work out how the privacy settings work and how to report or block other users when necessary.
- Ensure your child understands that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they see anything upsetting online. Talk to your child about how to deal with peer pressure and how they should not share or participate in anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Further links:

The following three articles will provide you with further information and guidance on how to keep your child safe:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parents-guide-to-livestreaming-and-vlogging/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/livestreaming-online-video-apps/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-livestreaming/>



Twitter and School Website



Please check the school website and follow us on Twitter for regular updates.

Twitter: @nechells_prim

Website: <https://nechellsacademy.e-act.org.uk/>

Virtual Learner Stars of the Week

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

	Google Classroom:	Maths:	English:	Wider curriculum:
Reception	Drood Muthafar	Fatimah Ali		
Year 1	Eisa Imran	Muhammed Arham	Ameer Abdalla	Anayah-May Lewis-Williams
Year 2	Abdirahman Hassan	Maryam Frakhat	Maysan Mohamed	Amir Abdalla
Year 3	Aisha Sadiq	Amaan Muhammad	Abdullahi Abdulkadir	Inayah Bi
Year 4	Aleena Saleem	Ayaan Ali Khan	Kaleem Exell	Real-Star Schofield
Year 5	Aisha Saalah	Hajer Mohammed	Ayesha Shahzad	Ayaa Ahmed
Year 6	Shaymaa Saalah	Kyanna Sullivan	Ameera Shahban	Sana Mahmood

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.



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