



w/c Monday 1 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a restful half term and for those of you celebrating Eid that you had an enjoyable celebration.

As you are aware, our plans for the re-opening of our Academy are in place and we are initially inviting our Reception and Year 6 pupils to attend school on Monday and Tuesday, our Year 1 pupils are invited to attend on Thursday and Friday. If your child is in one of the year groups chosen by the government to return to school, you will have received a call from us already this week. We will be reviewing our procedures regularly and we will update you if any changes are made.

We fully appreciate and understand that you may have reservations about your child attending school; however, we would like to reassure you of the detailed measures we have in place. We have created a video for you to become more familiar of these steps; please click on the link: <https://youtu.be/PronD8pmrHM>

As part of these measures, pupils who attend our Academy will be assigned a 'bubble' which will consist of less children than the government guidance. Your child will remain within their bubble. We are requesting that parents provide us with at least two days' notice if you would like your child to attend, this is so we can ensure all measures are in place to keep all children and staff safe. **In addition to this, all pupils, parents and carers must follow social distancing of at least 2 metres.**



We are staggering the drop-off and pick-up times and locations of children; again, this is to reduce the possibility of cross-contamination.

Our Reception pupils will be dropped-off and collected from the Nursery Gate on Eliot Street (to the right of the main building). Drop-off time will be **8:50-9:00am** and collections will take place from **2:50-3:00pm**.

Our Year 6 pupils will be dropped-off at the main gate from **8:50-9:00am** and will be collected from the main playground. Parents will need to follow the one-way system we have in place and will need to enter through the main gate and exit through the gate on Crompton Road. Collection time will take place from **3:20-3:30pm**.

Our Year 1 pupils will be dropped-off and collected from the Nursery Gate on Eliot Street (to the right of the main building). Drop-off time will be **8:50-9:00am** and collections will take place from **2:50-3:00pm**.

Our Key Worker pupils will be dropped-off at the main gate from **8:40-8:50am** and will be collected from the main playground. Parents will need to follow the one-way system we have in place and will need to enter through the main gate and exit through the gate on Crompton Road. Collection time will take place from **2:50-3:00pm**.

We are minimising the amount of people we have on site. As a result, we are avoiding any unnecessary visitors, and we will continue to maximise our communications with you electronically and on the phone. We are asking parents/carers to either email nechells.info@e-act.org.uk or telephone [0121 464 2102](tel:01214642102) instead of visiting our school office. Members of our Senior Leadership Team will be on the main gates during our drop-off and collection times should you have any queries whilst dropping-off or collecting pupils.

For our pupils who will not be attending the Academy, we will continue to add work to our Virtual School on Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to log on and complete their work.

We will continue to be in regular contact and you will receive **at least** one call every fortnight; unless your child will be attending as part of our reopening strategy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

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.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



Online Gaming:

Ofcom's latest report on media use shows 35% of children aged 5 – 7 are playing games online, this rises to 66% of 8 – 11 year olds and 72% of 12 – 15 year olds.

There are risks associated with playing games online, one of these being that many games such as FIFA, Fortnite, Minecraft and Call of Duty (COD) feature chat facilities. This heightens the risk of bullying and online grooming as some people may use the online chat features to build a relationship with children.

For some games, the chat can be turned off and depending on the age of your child, this may be the safest manner for your child to play games online.

What can I do?

Review what games your children are playing and check the PEGI rating (age rating). Should your child be playing that game? As always talk to your child about what they are playing and discuss the following points:

- Do they know how to report and block players?
- Encourage them not to share personal information online. If somebody asks them for personal information, to meet up or if they just feel uneasy then make sure that they know that they should talk to a trusted adult.
- Tell your child that they should be very wary of anybody who encourages them to keep anything secret or who offers to buy them gifts – including virtual gifts such as virtual currency in a game
- Talk to your child about the importance of only accepting friends that they know. If somebody does do anything inappropriate then you should report that person using the in game reporting options.
- Should you have any concerns of grooming please contact the safeguarding team who can offer support.

Further information about Grooming:

- <https://parentinfo.org/article/what-you-need-to-know-about-onlinegrooming>
- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/briefings/grooming>

What to do if you need urgent police help through the 999 service, but can't speak:

Make Yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

- 1 Dial 999**
- 2 Listen to the questions from the 999 operator**
- 3 Respond by coughing or tapping the handset if you can**
- 4 If prompted, press 55**
This lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.

OPC Independent Office for Police Conduct **#YouAreNotAlone** Supported by **women's aid** until women & children are safe **NPCC** National Police Chiefs' Council

Should you require any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. Alternatively, sources of support are available on our website: <https://nechellsacademy.e-act.org.uk/sources-of-support/>

Useful Numbers

You may find the following numbers useful:

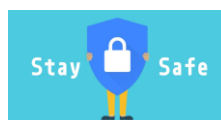
Childline - 0800 11 11

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.



Bike Week (6-14 June)

Cycling UK are encouraging people to make cycling their daily exercise during [Bike Week 2020](#). Families can do the rides as part of their journey to school, or to take a break from home learning and enjoy some fresh air!

There are lots of exciting and interactive bike themed activities that can be used in school or at home – please do share these with parents through your communication channels as appropriate:

- Check out our [Cycling in Birmingham guide](#), including places to cycle that could help plan a route to school.
- [The Active Well Being Society](#) are still taking bookings for future Bikeability training sessions and will be back delivering as soon as possible.
- Bikeability have also developed some [additional resources](#) to support cycling during COVID 19.
- [Sustrans](#) have launched free resources to help parents who are looking after their children at home.
- British Cycling have produced some great ideas for cycling on their [Let's Ride Local website](#). Don't forget to take part in [their 'Design Your Own Jersey' competition!](#)
- Try out everyone's creative skills with Birmingham's very own [Bling Your Bike competition!](#) And don't forget to order your FREE KS2 Bike Maths game at: connected@birmingham.gov.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	Safiyah		
Year 1	Afnan	Shahd	Armaan	Anayah-May
Year 2	Deeya	Maria	Maryam-Fatima	Maryam Fra
Year 3	Ella-Grace	Amaan	Abdullahi	Wahaj
Year 4	Real-Star	Muskaan	Aleena	Maylee
Year 5	Nathaniel	Hibba	Ayaa	Ayesha
Year 6	Rayan	Yonis	Sana	Ameera