



w/c Monday 18 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are approaching the end of an extraordinarily challenging first half of the summer term. On behalf of all the staff at Nechells, I would once again like to express my gratitude to pupils and parents for your continued support.

As I am sure you are aware, the government are due to make a final decision around the re-opening of schools on 28 May. Information on the potential partial re-opening of school for our reception, year 1 and year 6 children from week commencing 8 June will be sent to all parents later today. I hope that the information will go some way to answer any questions you may have regarding the arrangements we are planning to put into place.

Thank you for continuing to meet and overcome the challenge of accessing and completing work online. As next week is the half-term break, please note there will be no virtual school taking place.

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating this weekend. As we are all learning new ways of keeping in touch, I hope you will be able to use digital platforms to celebrate online with extended family and friends.

Wishing you all a happy and safe half-term.

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

We know how difficult lockdown has been for many of our families. There is a range of support available which can be found on our school website. Please click on the following links for more information:

<https://nechellsacademy.e-act.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2020/03/Sources-of-Support.pdf>

<https://nechellsacademy.e-act.org.uk/supporting-pupils/safeguarding-our-pupils/>

Aston and Nechells Foodbank are continuing to support our school community. The collection point at St Matthews (Nechells) is open on a Monday and The Salvation Army (Aston) is open on Friday.

You need a foodbank voucher to access the service. To get this, call 0808 2082138 (freephone) to speak to a trained and independent Citizens Advice agent (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm).

Alternatively, you can call 0121 250 0765 to speak to Birmingham Settlement Advice Services who will be able to issue a food bank voucher if necessary



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Please see below an extract from a letter received this week from Birmingham West/East Neighbourhood Policing Unit:

Coronavirus: A Thank You from Birmingham Police

Dear Teachers, Parents and Carers

COVID-19 has changed the lives of everybody, which is why the Government introduced a clear set of social distancing rules to keep us all safe.

The vast majority of families across Birmingham have stuck to the rules. I thank you and your children for doing this and helping to keep themselves and others safe.

We know that it's tough, but we ask you all to keep going. You are all doing so well. If you need advice or support, here are some local groups who can help:

- *the-waitingroom.org*
- *r2wbirmingham.info*
- *ipwm.org.uk*
- *bvsc.org/directory*
- *kooth.com*
- *policeandschools.org.uk*

In the lead up to schools re-opening there will be short videos released every day to help young people re-adjust to a new kind of normal and cope with issues which may have affected them during the lockdown. Please search the hashtag #YouveBeenMissed.

If not already, please register on wmnow.co.uk to get regular updates from us. It's free and a good way to find out what's happening in both the area where you live and around the school geography.

Once again, keep going with the social distancing rules. Things are getting better. Please stay alert, help control the virus and save lives.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Graham

Chief Superintendent
Birmingham West
West Midlands Police

Mat Shaer

Chief Superintendent
Birmingham East
West Midlands Police



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.

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	Asher	Ayaat		
Year 1	Hamza	Ameer	Shahd	Armaan
Year 2	Maria	Suleman	Fatima	Maysan
Year 3	Ramatoulie	Ella	Amaan	Kudret
Year 4	Fahima	Qaali	Larissa	Maylee
Year 5	Hibba	Mukarram	Musa	Ayaa
Year 6	Ameera	Ellie-Mae	Rayan	