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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are all safe and well.

It has been a busy week at Nechells Primary. The children are working very hard, but also having fun in school, which is equally important as they adjust to working in their 'bubble' groups.

As you are aware, following the successful partial re-opening of our academy for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, together with the children of our key workers and most vulnerable pupils, next week we will also be opening the academy to our Year 5 children. We will be increasing the number of days of attendance, from 2 days to 4 days per week. Children will be expected to attend each **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. School will remain closed on a Wednesday for deep cleaning and staff training.

We will still be adding work to our Virtual School on Google Classroom for our pupils who will not be attending the Academy. Please continue to encourage your child to log on and complete their work.

As a special treat for the children, on Thursday we will be having a BBQ, weather permitting. Social distancing will of course be maintained and the children will stay in their own groups at all times.

We have ordered some new playground equipment, which children will be able to use independently.

Mrs Hooper has joined Mrs Baldwin's team in the school office on a temporary basis. Mrs Bassi has joined us on a permanent basis as School Administrator. Mrs Baldwin will continue to work from home for the time being.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs L Mahony
Headteacher



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



NHS Test & Trace

IN THE NEWS – On behalf of West Midlands cyber-crime unit

With the launch of the NHS Test and Trace Service it is likely that fraudsters may try to exploit this service by posing as contact tracers. There is a useful guide to the system, issued by the government, on how it works and what to expect if you are contacted.

Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-howit-works>

Find out more information by visiting: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/blog-post/nhs-covid-19-appsecurity-two-weeks-on>

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Omegle

You must be 18+ to use or 13+ with parental permission.

Omegle is a social networking/chat site that connects two strangers together for either a text or a video chat. Chats are anonymous unless a user provides this information.

Omegle state "that the people you encounter on Omegle may not behave appropriately, and that they are solely responsible for their own behavior. Use Omegle at your own peril. Disconnect if anyone makes you feel uncomfortable."

What should I be aware of?

- No registration is required to access Omegle (therefore no age verification) and there are no reporting facilities.
- Users are given an option to save the chat's log and share the link. It is always possible for other users to take screenshots of text and video chats.
- We recommend that Omegle is not used by children due to the language and content they may be exposed to, which can be explicit.

Grooming

As featured in our previous newsletter, apps and games that include chat facilities may increase the risk of online grooming as some people may use the online chat features to build a relationship with your child.

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.

Furthermore, go online with your child, see what they are playing and who (if anybody) they are interacting with.

Try to encourage the use of technology in family spaces only. Review what games your children are playing and check the PEGI rating (age rating). Should your child be playing that game?

What can I do?

As always talk to your child about what they are doing online 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.
- Talk to your child about the importance of only accepting friends. If somebody does do anything inappropriate then you should report that person using the in game/app reporting options.

Further information about Grooming:

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

If you think somebody has tried to groom your child online then you can report this to CEOP. CEOP can help in a number of ways, for example they can assist you if you are worried that your child is being groomed online or if somebody is asking your child to communicate with them on a live-streaming platform.

(<https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>). Alternatively any concerns can be shared with our school safeguarding team who can support you through the next steps.

Reception

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

We are continuing to minimise 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 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.

Useful contact numbers

You may find the following numbers useful:

School Office – 0121 464 2102 (Mon-Tues & Thurs-Fri) or 07713 349836 / 07712 232950 (Wednesdays)

Childline - 0800 1111

Samaritans - 116 123

Aston and Nechells Foodbank - 07384 213621 or 0121 359 0801

Birmingham Central Foodbank - 0121 236 2997



Please see the school website for additional support and regular updates.

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	Shahd	Afnan	Abdirahman
Year 2	Sumayyah	Maryam Fr	Maria	Deeya
Year 3	Wahaj	Abdullahi	Raheem	Amaan
Year 4	Aleena	Real-Star	Hammad	Kaleem
Year 5	Hanzaib	Abubakr	Musa	Dawood
Year 6	Abubakar	Shaymaa	Ali-Aar	Ameera

