



w/c Monday 13 July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are coming to the end of what can only be referred to as an extraordinary academic year. As a school and community, we have learnt to adapt to the many new challenges we have had to face. Words such as "social distancing", "bubbles", "coronavirus" and "keeping 2 metres apart" have become the norm. Our pupils and parents have made us proud by bravely picking up the mantle and adjusting to the new circumstances we find ourselves in, whether by learning at home or at school.

This week sees our Year 6 pupils leaving Nechells and moving on to an exciting new chapter in their lives at their respective secondary schools. We were determined to mark this important milestone in a special way and arranged leaving ceremonies. Pupils not learning onsite were individually invited to receive their certificate and gifts on Monday 13 July 2020. Pupils in school received their certificates and gifts on Tuesday 14 July 2020. We will miss them and were happy to have the chance to say goodbye properly.

On Thursday, our catering company Aspens provided individually made pizzas, along with ice cream, a small flake and drink. This was enjoyed by both staff and pupils.

I would like to share with you the good news that two of our teachers, Miss Malak and Miss Rasul, will be getting married over the holidays. Miss Malak will be called Mrs Ricketts on her return in September. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both a long and happy married life.

As always, thank you for your support. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs L Mahony  
Headteacher

## Year 6 presentation ceremony



## Thursday pizza day





## Safeguarding

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### **Support services over the holidays**

The below agencies are able to offer support over the 6 weeks holiday:

- **Childline**  
[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)  
0800 1111
- **Samaritans**  
[www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)  
116 123  
[jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- **Police**  
999 Emergency calls  
101 Non-emergency calls  
[www.west-midlands.police.uk/contact-us](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/contact-us)
- **Children's Services**  
0121 303 1888  
**Emergency out-of-hours:** 0121 675 4806  
[www.birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk](http://www.birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk)
- **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) / cutting**  
If you know someone in immediate danger, contact the police.  
You should also contact the Foreign and Commonwealth Office if she's already been taken abroad:  
Telephone: 020 7008 1500 (from overseas: +44 (0)20 7008 1500)  
The NSPCC also provides further information and advice on FGM. You can call their helpline on: 0800 028 3550.

### **Mental Health**

- **Forward Thinking Birmingham**  
0300 300 0099  
[www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk](http://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk)
- **Pause Drop in Service**  
21 Digbeth, Birmingham  
[www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause](http://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause)
- **Young Minds Charity**  
[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)  
Crisis Messenger Text YM to 85258  
Parents Helpline 0808 802 5544

### **Foodbanks & Debt support**

- **Aston and Nechells Foodbank**  
07384 213 621 or (0121 359 0801)  
[info@astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk)  
[www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk)
- **Birmingham Central Foodbank**  
0121 236 2997  
[info@birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk)  
[www.birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk)
- **Benefits Debt and Housing advice**  
0121 453 0606  
<https://www.theprojectbirmingham.org/>



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### Online Safety

- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - Resources, Advice and a free Helpline.
- [CEOP \(Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre\)](#) - Police lead website providing support and advice (for children, parents and professionals) in relation to online threats.
- Whether you're a parent, worried about a child you know or work with children as part of your job, we all have a part to play in keeping them safe. Find out more about the [types of child abuse](#), how to look out for a child's safety, the child protection system and the latest research and resources in child protection.
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/>
- Here is a document that explains about all the different social media apps that children may have access to; <http://parentinfo.org/articles/apps-and-social-media/all>

Should you require any additional support, please do not hesitate to contact us. Additional resources and signposting 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.

|             | Virtual Learner<br>Star Pupil             | In School<br>Star Pupil                   |
|-------------|---|---|
| Reception   | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils |
| Year 1      | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils |
| Year 2      | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils |
| Year 3      | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils |
| Year 4 & KW | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils |
| Year 5      | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils |
| Year 6      | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils | All pupils<br>nominated as Star<br>pupils |