

Newsletter 10.07.2020

Dear Children, Parent and Carers,

Academic Year 2020-2021

Below is a list of the term dates for next academic year. Please do make a note of these as all children will be expected to return to school in September on the first day of term.

School Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Autumn Term 2020	Spring Term 2021	Summer Term 2021
Tuesday 01 st September 2020 To Friday 23 rd October 2020	Monday 04 th January 2021 To Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 19 th April 2021 To Friday 28 th May 2021
<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>HALF TERM</u>
Monday 02 nd November 2020 To Friday 18 th December 2020	Monday 22 nd February 2021 To Thursday 01 st April 2021	Monday 07 th June 2021 To Wednesday 21 st July 2021
<u>74 DAYS</u>	<u>59 Days</u>	<u>62 Days</u>

Total 195 Days

Teacher Days

Tuesday 01st September 2020
Wednesday 02nd September 2020
To Be Confirmed
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Bank Holidays

Monday 03rd May 2021

School will reopen to children in Years 1 to 6 on Thursday 03rd September 2020

School will open to the new Reception children on Monday 07th September 2020

Start and end times of the day will be staggered to fit in with the Government and DfE guidelines:

Reception – Start time 09.10am and end at 11.45am (from Monday 07th September to Friday 11th September)
Year 1 – Start time 08.55am End time 3.05pm
Year 2 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.10pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will come into school and exit the school through the morning entrance gate.

Year 3 – Start time 08.55am End time 3.10pm
Year 4 – Start time 08.55am End time 3.10pm
Year 5 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.15pm
Year 6 – Start time 08.45am End time 3.15pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will come into school and exit school through the end of day gate for KS2.

At the end of the school day, one parent per household, will be allowed to come onto the KS1 playground and wait in a socially distanced line for their child/ren to be sent over to them. Then parents will need to follow the arrows to the school gate. Staff will be outside and directing parents of where to go.

Please can I remind parents that when leaving the school premises, you need to stay socially distanced from other families, so we can maintain the 'Class Teams' in school.

Thank you for your understanding.

Travelling by public transport

For anyone using public transport to get to or from school – please read the Government advice at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

The advice from the government is to **try to avoid using public transport if you can** and to walk, scoot or cycle if possible.

School Uniform and School Equipment

School uniform will be expected to be worn from the beginning of the Autumn term and please ensure all items of uniform and any other belongings (coats, school bags, PE bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, shoes) have your child's name in them as we need to ensure clothing and other belongings are not mixed up when changing for PE or at home time. Please provide a water bottle for your child daily.

Please ensure that any extreme hair styles have grown out or coloured hair has been washed out before the children return to school in September as our 'School Uniform' Policy does not allow these or the wearing of jewellery, except stud earrings and a small watch.

School uniform can be purchased from:

Gogna Schoolwear

67/69 Rookery Road,

Handsworth,

Birmingham.

B21 9QU.

0121-523-5572

www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will **recommence during week beginning 14th September 2020**. This is so we can ensure all children are familiar with the new routines around school and understand the importance of the protective measures being put in place across the school. **Parents will be able to book into the wrap-around provision during week beginning 07th September. Please can I ask parents to try and limit the number of different wrap-around provisions they use as we need to try and maintain the 'Class Teams' as much as possible. For the first half term, after school clubs will be for Key Stage 2 children only (Year 3 upwards).**

Sickness

From 03rd September, parents will be required to send their children to school again. If your child is sick please inform the school in the usual way, with a phone call first thing in the morning. If your child is **displaying symptoms of COVID-19, a continuous cough, feels hot to touch (high temperature), has a change or loss of smell or taste, please inform school immediately.** You will be asked to apply to get your **child tested as soon as possible.** If your child tests positive they will be required to stay at home for 7 days or until they feel better once the 7 days is up from when they first displayed symptoms. If it comes back negative, your child will be able to return to school once they feel well enough to do so. You will also need to inform school straightaway if the test is positive or negative so we can take the necessary steps at school. If a child does test positive, the 'Class Team' they are in (which includes the class teachers) will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 14 days. The reason for this is so we protect the other 'Class Teams' in school and try ensure the virus does not spread further. Please be assured that, at all times, your child's health and safety is of the utmost importance to us.

If your child is displaying cold and flu symptoms, please keep your child at home for 48 hours to ensure this is what illness they have. Please do inform the school straightaway if this is what you are doing.

School Closure

School is now closed until 03rd September to all children except Key Worker's children, due to the school being rewired over the summer holidays. **School will remain open from Monday 13th July to Thursday 16th July to Key Worker children and then will be closed from Friday 17th July for the summer holidays.**

School Reports:

This week, reports for the children were given out to the parents who came to school and collected them. Please be advised if you did not manage to come and collect your child/ren's report this week, we will distribute them when your child/ren return to school in September.

Class teachers for September

Below is which teachers and teaching assistants will be teaching which class next academic year. Please do share this information with your child/ren so they are prepared for when they return to school in September.

Reception - Mrs Caffrey and Mrs Smith
Year 1 – Mrs Shipman and Miss Dalziel
Year 2 – Mr Tooth, Miss Bonham and Miss Painting
Year 3 – Mrs West, Miss Mullen and Mrs Peplow
Year 4 – Miss Young and Mrs Dalziel
Year 5 – Mr Tobias and Miss Crane
Year 6 – Mr Caffrey and Mrs Koumi

What has been going on at school this week

This week, the Reception children have been learning about honeybees. On Monday they learnt the bees waggle dance. In the photos they are pretending to be worker bees telling the other bees where the best flowers are to be found. Aren't they creative children!



Year 1 have been working hard over the last few weeks to create their own elephant instruments. On Tuesday the 'Elephant Orchestra' performed a range of music throughout the day. Didn't they do well!!



Year 5 and 6 have been creating their own self-portraits with a twist. They used colour blocking to portray their bright personalities. Don't they look fantastic!!



The Key Worker Group have been making sweet bread, which they decorated with their favourite fruits. They smelt delicious!!



Message from the Prime Minister Boris Johnson to all school leavers

Today (Friday 10th July) Boris Johnson gave an address to all school leavers, this was broadcast on Facebook and YouTube. A recording of the address is now available to view on both platforms. Please do encourage your child to watch it if they missed it this morning.

Message from Birmingham City Council to Parents of Year 5 children moving into Year 6 in September 2020

Another letter is attached today, for parents of children in Year 5. This letter informs parents of the need to apply for your child's secondary school place and how to go about this. Please do read this letter as this is important information.

The information below has not changed from last week

Support available

If you have, any real worries or concerns or you need some support then please do contact the school and let us know. We have got staff (Mrs Pattinson, Mrs Carpenter and Jenny Ranson - our Family Support Worker) who can phone families and signpost them to support available in the local community. The school office is open from 08.30-4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Free@last
49 Nechells Park Road
Nechells,
Birmingham.
B7 5PR.

TEL: 0121 327 5959

They are open from 10am-12.00pm and offer lots of support and advice as well as working as a local food bank.

and

Call Nechells POD team on 07305 862 545 - Rachel Perks
28 Oliver street,
Nechells,
Birmingham.
B7 4NX.

They are offering a sign posting service and are a good contact for the local housing team if you are having any issues.

Guidance for Parents on Keeping child safe from abuse online

Last Friday, the DfE issued some guidance for parents on keeping children safe from abuse and harm. Below is the link and the notice sent to schools.

The DfE have jointly published new guidance with the Home Office, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Public Health England on keeping children safe from abuse and harm. This guidance brings together sources of information about the main risks children may be vulnerable to during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and signposts you to help and support available.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Summer Holidays Free School Meals Vouchers

As you are probably aware, the government announced recently that they will be providing Free School Meal Vouchers for parents who are in receipt of certain benefits and are entitled to Free School Meals for their children over the summer holidays this year. The current information we have been given regarding receiving the vouchers are as follows.

- **The week before the summer holidays begin or in the first week of the holidays you will receive a voucher to the value of £90 per child (this is a one-off payment, which covers the whole of the 6-weeks holiday).**
- Once you have redeemed the voucher you will be able to use this voucher multiple times until you have spent the whole value of the voucher.
- If you want to know how much money is left on the voucher you will be able to ask the shop your voucher is for and they will let you know how much is left on it.

Mental Health and Well-being

Lockdown has been a particularly stressful time for many families, and we all need to be looking after ourselves during this time.

To support children's mental health and well-being across Birmingham, a new service has been set up called Kooth. **Kooth** is being provided now as a free, safe and anonymous service to support young people's emotional and mental health in Birmingham. Because young people have suddenly had exams cancelled, transition arrangements thrown up in the air and are dealing with the impact of COVID-19 on their loved ones this is important. The new service was successfully launched on Monday 13th April for young people from year 6, aged 11 up to 25. The full offer, including online self-referral can be accessed at www.kooth.com

Kooth is linked into the wider mental health support from Forward Thinking Birmingham and offers:

- Online **mental health counselling** and **chat** services from midday to 10pm during the week, and 6pm to 10pm at weekends
- **Peer to peer support** through moderated discussion forums

- **Self-care tools and resources** to build resilience
- **Early response to and identification** of emotional wellbeing and mental health problems
- And there are **no waiting lists**, referrals or thresholds to access the service

Mental health support offer

A range of new, easily accessible mental health support is now available for patients in Birmingham and Solihull, based around four groups:

- 0-18 year olds in Birmingham
- 0-19 year olds in Solihull
- Over 18s in Birmingham and Solihull
- Key workers.

These services are provided by a range of local organisations, and offer emotional help, guidance and reassurance to people in Birmingham and Solihull who may be finding the current Coronavirus situation overwhelming. The web link will take you to the website and give you more information.

<https://www.birminghamandsolihullccg.nhs.uk/your-health/mental-health-support-offer>

Below is a link for transitioning your child back into school, which maybe helpful for all children to see:

<https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/transition-support-for-families-of-children-young-people-with-autism/>

Home Learning Packs:

Summer home learning packs for all year groups will be added the website in the next week.

Please do ensure you check the 'Home learning' page on our website for these.

If your child or one or more of your children **are in Years 4, 5 and 6** please continue to encourage them to go onto Kidblog and do some of the work their teachers have been setting for them on there, as the teachers are able to see what work your children have done and support them with it.

Spiritual Communion:

The following website facilitates the live streaming of Mass. St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood, Our Lady and St Brigid, Northfield, St Ambrose Barlow, Hall Green and St Edwards, Selly Park are some local churches where Mass can be viewed at various times.

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/>

Some resources that are available for you to use as a family have been provided by the Archdiocese of Birmingham and some groups they work with, below is a list of these that you may want to look at:

- Weekly Worship and Song: can be found on the DES website page <https://www.bdes.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-and-learning.html>
- The Lay Chaplain at St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, Birmingham is sharing daily Collective Worship and this is being uploaded at the start of every week <https://www.bdes.org.uk/shared-resources-from-diocesan-schools.html>
- Ten Ten Theatre Company are also providing free resources for:

Sunday Liturgies for Families at: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

Daily Prayer for Home at: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home/>

15 Prayers During School Closure at: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/15-prayers>

- New prayer resources from Kenelm Youth Trust and ST John Fisher, Newcastle at: <https://www.bdes.org.uk/shared-resources-from-diocesan-schools.html>
- Kenelm Youth Trust have also put together a video series called 'How to Pray', which is released every Wednesday – you can find the links to it on all their social media channels and You Tube.
Instagram: @Soli_kyt
Facebook: solikyt
YouTube: <https://youtu.be/JEAvu7HuW7w>

Online resources:

Please do keep using the online resources made available from BBC Bitesize and the [Oak National academy](#) as they have online lessons for each year group up to Y10.

Both of these services feature online lessons which are updated on a weekly basis.

In both cases, there are weekly plans of lessons that children can access. These resources are available for you to use with your children, but please do check the resources beforehand to make sure you are happy with the content of them.

Staying Safe Online:

We know that children will be online more as we all stay in our homes. It is really important that we ensure our children are safe online too. Here are some resources which are particularly helpful. Please check out the parental control section which gives advice to help parents put parental controls on any devices their children are using at home.

Keeping up to date with the latest apps

NSPCC's Net Aware provides simple guides for parents to the most popular social networks, app and games. Simply type in the app you wish to review in the search bar and the website will provide you with some useful information to help parents make an informed decision.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

Internet matters –

https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIktuA5LWK2wIVRYXVCh2afg2aEAYASAAEglJ5vD_BwE

Net-aware – support for parents and carers from the NSPCC - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Parent info - <https://parentinfo.org/>

Thinkuknow – for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

UK Safer Internet Centre - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Childline – support for children -

https://www.childline.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=UK_GO_S_B_BND_Grant_Childline_Information&utm_term=role_of_childline&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIIfLRh-ez6AIVRrDtCh1N9QR2EAAYASAAEgLvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds

UK Safer Internet Centre – reporting harmful content - <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>
CEOP – advice on making a report about online abuse - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Useful Contacts

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

Childline – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123

Mind – 0300 123 3393

NSPCC helpline

The NSPCC helpline has been expanded, so more adults know where to go with concerns about the safety and wellbeing of any children. Some common signs that there may be something concerning happening in a child's life include:

- aggressive or repeated shouting
- hearing hitting or things being broken
- children crying for long periods of time
- very young children left alone or are outdoors by themselves
- children looking dirty or not changing their clothes
- children being withdrawn or anxious.

The NSPCC helpline, which has around 100 staff, can be reached 24 hours a day by email – help@nspcc.org.uk - or through its online reporting form. Its team of experts can also be called Monday to Friday 8am-10pm or 9am-6pm at the weekends on 0808 800 5000.