

ACS NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Please click on the links below for
COMMUNITY and EMERGENCY support
information available in your area.

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our first Parents Newsletter of the Summer Term. I do hope that you and your families are healthy and safe. I can certainly appreciate the challenges of keeping children at home during lockdown, so thank you for all the work you are putting in to support your children's education.

All our lessons take place on Google Classrooms and all the lessons follow your child's normal timetable. Teachers are available throughout the online lesson and they will either communicate directly with the whole class or are able to help individual students with their work.

I am sure you are aware that there is a Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May as the nation celebrates the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day. This means there will not be any lessons on Friday.

We have been putting together our first ever reports to parents about online work. Your child has been graded by their teachers on the completion of online work done at home and the quality of online work done at home. We hope to send these reports to the parents of Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students later this week. These reports are particularly important for Year 10 and Year 12 students who will be sitting public examinations in 2021. As far as we are aware, the Government does not have any plans to change the 2021 examinations, which means the GCSE and A Level work being covered in class now will be examined next summer.

We are also aware of the impact COVID-19 is having on Ramadan. The Muslim Council of Britain, the largest umbrella organisation for Muslims in Britain, has published online guidance to help millions cope with the restrictions of lockdown during the coming fasting month of Ramadan. As always, we expect all our students to participate fully in every lesson.

Finally, a reminder that the school is open to specific children. If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision at the school. Please keep safe and stay healthy.



[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Please click here to download a Guide to Physical and Mental Wellbeing During Isolation.](#)



Online Safety

Online safety during school closures

Now that people are spending more time online, it is important to ensure our children stay safe when using the Internet. Below you can find some useful resources about online safety for parents and children.

If you have any concerns about online activity, please seek advice, by contacting the school office or using a recognised helpline, such as NSPCC.

Top tips for parents on keeping their child safe

Below you can download a poster with information about screen time, useful apps and other internet safety advice.

 [Click here to download poster](#)

NSPCC guidance for parents & carers

The guidance provides useful information about online activity - everything from setting controls on devices to talking to your child about what they do and say on the Internet. Click on the button below to check out the NSPCC resources dedicated to supporting families during the Coronavirus lockdown and school closures.

 [NSPCC guidance for parents & carers](#)



FAKE NEWS

Be aware of Fake News

Many of the things you read online especially in your social media feeds may appear to be true, often they are not. False information can be news, stories or hoaxes created to deliberately misinform or deceive readers. Usually, these stories are created to either influence people's views, push a political agenda or cause confusion, and can often be a profitable business for online publishers. False information can deceive people by looking like trusted websites or using similar names and web addresses to reputable news organisations.

[Click here for examples of fake news stories.](#)

[How to spot fake news about the Coronavirus / COVID-19.](#)



The Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) has published a guide for communities to make the most out of the Ramadan season while the UK remains in lockdown. Please [click here](#) to download the guide.

Safeguarding during lockdown

The pressures of being in the house all the time and not having much access to outside space or exercise during lockdown can create problems other than the coronavirus. Family members and people in the household might change their behaviour and become less tolerant, argumentative or even threatening.

We want all families to be safe in these extraordinary times and there are many places you can turn to for help. If you need any assistance, please contact:

- Your Pastoral Manager
- Your Designated Safeguarding Officers
- Your Form Tutor
- Email: safeguarding@alperton.brent.sch.uk
- Childline
- NSPCC

**NSPCC**
Cruelty to children must stop FULL STOP

**ChildLine**
0800 1111 



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