



Safeguarding: What is female genital mutilation (FGM)?



FGM is when a female's genitals are deliberately altered or removed for non-medical reasons. It's also known as 'female circumcision' or 'cutting', but has many other names.

- * sunna
- * gudniin
- * halalays
- * tahir
- * megrez
- * khitan

The National FGM Centre also has a list of traditional terms that you might find helpful.

FGM is a form of child abuse. It's dangerous and a criminal offence in the UK.

We know:

- * there are no medical reasons to carry out FGM
- * it's often performed by someone with no medical training, using instruments such as knives, scalpels, scissors, glass or razor blades
- * children are rarely given anaesthetic or antiseptic treatment and are often forcibly restrained

FGM can happen at different times in a girl or woman's life, including:

- * when a baby is new-born
- * during childhood or as a teenager
- * just before marriage
- * during pregnancy.

Our BSWA FGM project has specialist staff who understand the complexities around FGM. Our supportive and patient team can support you, without judgment.

Our FGM project works to:

- * Offer emotional support, health care and practical advice to women and children who have been subjected to FGM or may be at risk of FGM
- * Offer training to professionals for example, on the different types of female genital mutilation
- * Engage with other organisations and work collaboratively to end FGM, for example as part of regional groups such as BAFGM
- * Engage with community groups to educate and campaign on ending FGM

For support you can call
*Birmingham and Solihull
Women's Aid helpline*
0808 800 0028

Text Service
18001 0808 800 0028
*For Deaf people and people
with a hearing impairment*

or use the webchat service
found on their website:

<https://bswaid.org/>

We can help if you
have experienced FGM
or are at risk.



Charity Spotlight

NSPCC

Our FGM helpline is available
from 8am-8pm Monday to Friday
and 9am-6pm at the weekend

0800 028 3550

Or you can email at any time

fgm.help@NSPCC.org.uk

It's free and you don't
have to say who you are.

If you think a child is in immediate danger,
please call the police on 999 straight away.

ATTENTION: Year 6 Parents...

Birmingham City Council
*Secondary School
Applications OPEN*

Parent's, applications for Secondary Schools in
Birmingham have now opened. Please make
sure that you complete your child's application
by the deadline (31st October 2025)

For more information please visit [https://
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

UNICEF Rights of the Child

Article 13: Sharing thoughts freely



Children have the right to share
freely with others what they
learn, think and feel, by talking,
drawing, writing or in any other
way unless it harms other people.

Article 19: Protection from violence



Governments must protect
children from violence, abuse
and being neglected by anyone
who looks after them.



The Anchor News

Serving the local community in the name of Christ since 1859

10th October 2025

Hello!

My name is Miss Malik, and I'm really pleased to have started my journey here at St. Clement's C. of E. Primary Academy. It's been a fantastic experience so far, and I feel very lucky to be part of such a welcoming and supportive school community.

My favourite subject has always been English, especially reading, and I love helping children develop a real passion for stories, language, and self-expression. Before joining St. Clement's, I lived in London, which gave me lots of wonderful experiences both in and out of the classroom. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy going to the gym and keeping active—it helps keep me focused and energised.

I'm proud to work at a school that promotes such strong Christian values, including kindness, respect, perseverance, and community. These are qualities I try to bring into my teaching every day, and I'm committed to helping every child thrive academically and personally.

It's been a great start, and I'm really looking forward to the year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend
- embrace the emerging
autumn crisp in the air!

Miss Malik - Class Teacher

Our Values focus
this half term is
Service



Harvest Donations

We are collecting items for
Harvest. Please send items
in to your child's class.
Anything you can donate
will help support those in
need in our local
community.

Aston & Nechells
foodbank urgently
need:

- *toiletries
- *tinned fruit
- *tinned fish
- *UHT milk
- *pasta sauce
- *squash
- *long life juice
- *Vegetarian tins

Other items will be welcomed
but they currently have plenty
of baked beans and bags of
pasta.

We will be celebrating
with our harvest
assembly Thursday
23rd October, parents
are welcome to attend.

Next Week...

October	Mon 13th	Reviewing Our SEN Information Report Session 9am Family/Community Library 3.30pm - 4.00pm
	Wed 15th	Parent Safeguarding Workshop 2:30-3:30pm
	Thu 16th	Family/Community Library 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Upcoming

October	Mon 20th	Family/Community Library 3.30pm - 4.00pm
	Thu 23rd	Harvest Assembly Family/Community Library 3.30pm - 4.00pm
		Last Day of Term
Fri 24th	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Training Day	
Nov	Mon 3rd	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Training Day
	Tues 4th	First Day back (normal time)
	Fri 7th	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Training Day
	Fri 21st	Children in Need (more details to follow)

Star Pupils

Reception are still settling in.

Adheem and Eldana

Maryam and Arjun

Aala and Jola

Penda and Mukhtar

Safa and Dagmawi

Eyakem and Omed

Lunchtime Star

Marvellous (Yr. 1)

Attendance & Punctuality

	A	P
Rec.	80%	0
Yr. 1	93%	3
Yr. 2	97%	4
Yr. 3	93%	2
Yr. 4	97%	4
Yr. 5	96%	4
Yr. 6	96%	4



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Reviewing Our SEN Information Report



You're Invited!



Monday 13th October at 9am.

We will be reviewing our Special Educational Needs (SEN) Information Report for the school website next week. You are warmly invited to join us for a friendly session where we'll update the report together.



Come along for a chat, a hot drink, and some biscuits, we'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback.

I look forward to seeing you,
Mrs Opong



Adult Workshop!

Wednesday 15th October 2025

We are holding a workshop that will look at our Safeguarding Curriculum, PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and RHE (Relationship and Health Education)

Adults will have the opportunity to look at the resources we use, example lessons, coverage and Sex Education materials. This is also an opportunity to gain a better understanding of how these subjects are delivered and how they progress through the year groups.

2.30pm—3.30pm

Paperwork & Peace!

Need help with forms, benefits, debt letters, council tax, rent arrears, visa applications... or just don't know where to start?

We are here to help!



FREE DROP-IN SUPPORT SERVICE
EVERY WEDNESDAY

10:00 – 12:00



BLOOMSBURY HOPE CENTRE
BLOOMSBURY STREET
NECHELLS
B7 5BX



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Mondays and Thursdays:
3:30pm-4pm

Our school Library is now open twice a week to the Community. You are able to attend with children to take home books, browse our library for yourself or your children. Encouraging reading and reading together is a great way to spend time together and support your children and their development.

PLEASE NOTE

Nits...



We currently have an outbreak of head lice in school.

Please can you make sure to check the hair of both your child's and family members and treat if necessary.

FREE bus travel for parents this October half term

All day, unlimited travel from 27 October until 2 November

Parents, guardians and carers can enjoy unlimited free bus travel across the West Midlands during these dates.

How to claim

Applications are open from Monday 6 October until Wednesday 15 October. Just scan the QR code (or visit tfwm.org.uk/october) to apply!

Once applications close, we'll email you with instructions on how to redeem your free travel through your Swift account.



You're Bussing It

The Great Fire of London

t b f d e f a h i c k b
m u o b q r s t u v w r
s a m u e l p e p y s e
m l m n o p i r s t u a
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k j k l m f o p q u s t
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g h i j k r m e o n q r
s t b a k e r y a i c d
e f g h i j k l m n o p
l o n d o n w x y g a b
c d x f g h i d i a r y

fire Samuel Pepys
escaping smoke
burning diary
bakery buns
London bread



NEED HELP? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

ARE YOU FEELING STRESSED, LONELY OR FACING RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS?

ARE YOU HAVING PROBLEMS WITH FOOD, MONEY OR GETTING AROUND?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCOVER NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND RECEIVE SUPPORT OR GUIDANCE IN YOUR LIFE?



hello@reachoutcp.co.uk
07858 508 267

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Health and Social Care Qualification

We have the opportunity to offer Level 1-3 in Health and Social Care with Eagles Consultancy. If you are interested in this course, then please give your name to the school office.

This can also be accessed by people in the community of Nechells, who do not have children at the school.

