



Blended News @ Alexander Hosea



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We hope that this newsletter find everyone safe and well. As you will know, we have had a positive case of covid 19 in school this week and all the direct contacts have been self-isolating. We are looking forward to having our Y2 staff back on site on Weds 20th for those children who need to be in school. If your child develops symptoms (whether at home or in school) please let us know and the household must all self-isolate and arrange a test for the symptomatic person. Stay well everyone and keep in touch.

Blended Learning

Thank you so much for all your feedback about blended learning in the past 10 days. Hearing from parents about what is working well is as helpful as suggested tweaks to provision, as it helps us to identify what to do more of to support children and families. Please keep talking to us.

One of the comments we have received from some parents is about the challenge of balancing 5 intense remote learning days with their own work commitments. We have reflected on this as a staff and have come up with a solution to help ease the pressure somewhat.

From next week, the teachers will continue with their structured remote learning, with live/recorded video clips etc on Monday to Thursday (in the same way as the past 10 days).

Friday will then become more flexible to allow time for children to catch up with any remaining remote learning activities; engage in open-ended tasks on Google Classroom, usually following on from previous days learning; complete TTRS, Mathletics and/or Bugclub activities.

Teachers will still be contactable through Google Classroom/email on Friday mornings and may choose to run small social or learning Teams sessions for children, depending on needs identified during the week.

Children are not expected to complete homelearning at the weekend and we would strongly encourage parents to try to protect weekend times (depending on parent working patterns) for quality family time and doing activities together that bring you together as a family unit and make your child feel happy.

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Sharing Google Slides

We have had a few requests from parents to share Google slides from Google Classroom. We have checked with Integra IT, who give our IT support and they have instructed us that we must not do this.

Parent Council

Mrs Williams would like to host a Parent Council meeting on MS Teams on **Tuesday 19th January at 2pm**. The focus for the meeting will be Blended Learning. Please contact your representative, if you would like to feedback on this matter.

Children in school

To protect staff and children and keep everyone's contacts to a minimum, we ask that Critical Workers only send their child in if they have no other alternative care. Cancel places whenever you can.

If you are working at home, your child should be at home with you.

We all need to limit our contacts, cases are rising (including in Wickwar area) and the infection rates are very high locally.

Please **help us to stay well and open only to those who really need it**.

FREE Eye Tests for children at UWE

Being able to see clearly is important for a child's overall development and helps them to discover and learn about their world. Most children have excellent sight and do not need to wear glasses, but if there are problems and they are not picked up at an early age, children may have permanently reduced vision in one or both eyes. Some schools carry out vision screening on children between the ages of four and five. Even if this has been done, or if you have concerns, if there is a history of needing glasses at a young age, or a history of a squint or lazy eye in the family you should take them along to an eye examination.

Things to look out in young children include avoiding reading, writing or drawing, screwing eyes up when reading or watching tv, and having concentration problems at school.

Our specialist optometrist clinic will be able to take the time to examine children's eyes and provide tailored advice about children's current eye health needs and baseline vision assessment for the future.

The appointments will be on a Thursday for the under 12's which will last 90 minutes with an Optometrist from the Bristol Eye Hospital who has a specialist interest in paediatric eye care. There will be anything from 1-4 patients observing/participating depending on Covid restrictions and space allowing. The over 12's will be booked into the student clinics on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and the appointments will be anything from 1-2 hours, as the students perform the tests and then this is double checked by a qualified optometrist. The eye clinic has all the specialist equipment to be able to assess the children in a friendly, professional manner. We have tests that allow for young children who may not be confident with their letters and games that we can play to assess their vision and put them at ease.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email if you have any queries. Meanwhile our website is open for booking online www.uwe.ac.uk/eyeclinic.



Desk to Daily Mile/ Couch to 5K

Are you looking for a physical exercise challenge to do as a family?

<https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/how-to-train-for-a-family-5k-your-6-week-plan/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/couch-to-5k-week-by-week/>

Violence against women and girls – call for evidence launched by the Home Office

The Home Office have launched a call for evidence to inform the development of the government's next Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. Views are sought from those with lived experience of harm as well as those with expertise in working with victims and survivors, those involved in preventative activity and those involved in providing services. This includes relevant professionals, such as those working in social care, education, law enforcement, local government, public health and healthcare. Anyone aged 16 or over is welcome to contribute to the call for evidence and does not have to have experienced violence or abuse to take part.

Anyone wishing to participate is asked to [complete the public survey](#) or provide a written submission.

Further information on this consultation and how to get involved can be found in the Home Office [violence against women and girls call for evidence](#).

This consultation will close at 11:45pm on **19 February**.

Crest Nicholson planning proposal

As you may be aware, Crest Nicholson are putting in a planning proposal to build approx. 150 houses on the larger field bordering the school field.

The consultation is open and ends on 22nd January, if you want to have your say.



Paul Nicholson

On behalf of Crest Nicholson, we would like to take the opportunity to invite you to comment on their evolving development proposals for Land off Inglestone Road, Wickwar.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and consistent with Government advice, a virtual consultation has been organised with a website and a helpline to allow residents to access information about the proposals and to provide their comments.

Website: www.inglestoneroadwickwar.co.uk

Date: 10th December 2020 – 22nd January 2021

We have extended the normal consultation period so that the views of the whole community can be heard. A leaflet has been delivered to the wider Wickwar area advertising the website and we are also able to provide hardcopies of the consultation materials for anyone that is unable to access the plans online.

Neighbours' discussions

We appreciate the boundaries of the site need to be sensitively managed and would therefore welcome the chance to discuss these proposals with you personally if that would be helpful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the team via the phone number or email address provided below.

Telephone: 07506769233

Email Address: callum.warren@tfa-uk.com

With best wishes,

Daniel Angell
Daniel Angell



If you are eligible for a food box, please contact Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk to book yours. Integra need about 48 hours' notice. These are delivered to the school, ready for families to collect.

The news are reporting about inadequate food boxes for children in receipt of free school meals, but we think that those sent through Integra this week provided a good amount to provide one child their lunches for 5 days.

The DfE have confirmed today that the national School Meal Voucher Scheme is due to reopen next week. Mrs Allison Hall will be in touch with relevant families when we have more information.

Family Food 4 Free

A parent said that they had tried this service and found it to be good. The group has a Facebook page.



Family Food 4 Free

We use donated food to cook free family meals and as a collection point to the local community who need support even more now than before. I hold the relevant cooking and hygiene certificate needed and hoping this will help our community I am located in Chipping Sodbury.



We are listening

Keep talking to us to let us know what is going well and what further support you need. We are committed to helping every child to continue their education wherever they are during Lockdown. If you are struggling with the technology or supporting your child at home, please contact your teacher, who will do their best to support you.

Who should I contact about....?

Information	Who to contact	Contact details
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Covid positive test (for children at home)	School office	Alexanderhoseaprimary@sgmail.org.uk
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