



Alexander Hosea Primary School 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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For school calendar: <http://www.alexanderhoseaprimarv.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

From Mrs Williams:

We have been very busy over the past fortnight, preparing for some children to start to return to school. Amongst other tasks, we have:

- Given a great deal of thought and attention to our extensive risk assessment for reopening to address **our top priority: to keep children and staff safe**.
- Prepared staffing schedules to enable us to (a) run an additional key worker group – we now have Sapphire A and Sapphire B up and running fully, which was our aim for week 1; (b) offer two EYFS groups – Topaz and Gold (about ¾ EYFS children are due to return this week) - as planned, these groups opened on Monday 7th; (c) prepare to open two Y6 groups – Amethyst A and Amethyst B (we are in the planning phase for the Y6 return in the coming weeks). We will contact Y6 parents by Wednesday each week (until the cohort return) to confirm whether or not we can accommodate the groups in some way, in the coming week. We will try to start both bubbles at the same time and run both from Monday-Thursday, if at all possible.
- Added social distancing markings around the entrances and around site to encourage all children to safely distance from each other and from staff. Allocated base rooms, toilets and play spaces to each bubble.
- Changed all rooms that will be used by children, so that each bubble can stay safe in the space. Classrooms are now easy-clean, in line with government guidelines, whilst being as child-friendly as possible.
- Reopened the school kitchen, so that sandwiches can be made on site from w/c 15th June – see menu on back page.
- Made some adjustments to working patterns for staff, who are available to work. Staff in the year groups that are not returning, are timetabled to work in Sapphire with key workers' children (this means they will not have as much time to be in contact with the families from their classes). They will continue to do their best to check in regularly throughout the week, set home learning on a weekly or fortnightly basis and complete school reports (to come home in the coming fortnight), but be aware that their time is more limited than before.
- Liaised with other local schools and LA about working practices and procedures (including in case of an emergency). We take our responsibility for the safety of the children and adults on site very seriously and we know that the R number is rising and at 1 again in the South West, so we remain fully committed to making our best endeavours to make the environment as safe as possible at all times.
- Planned for a multitude of possible future events (including what to do if an adult/child develops symptoms of coronavirus and what to do if an adult or child in school tests positive to coronavirus – see below).

What would happen if a child or adult in a bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus?

The school needs to know immediately if an individual or a member of their household has symptoms.

Individuals with symptoms must not come into school.

Following updated advice last week from South Glos and Public Health England, other parents will not be informed that an individual has symptoms at this point and the bubble would remain open (unless there is insufficient staffing to supervise the children). The individual would be separated from the group immediately and put into a pre-designated isolation space until they are collected. The parents of the individual would be strongly advised to take the child to have a test for coronavirus, with results shared with school as soon as they are available (usually a few days).

What would happen if an individual has a positive test?

The school would contact the local authority and Public Health England immediately and follow their advice. Parents would be informed at this point and the bubble would be closed for 14 days. During the closure, the areas used by the bubble would be deep cleaned. The individual would need to self-isolate for 7 days and their household for 14 days. Other members of the other households would not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms.



All our colleagues are working tirelessly to support the phased reopening of the school. We will continue in our commitment to supporting all families through the online platforms, alongside supporting the pastoral needs of children as they come back to school.

Thank you to all our fantastic parents!

We really appreciate all your ongoing support, kind words and constructive feedback. We know that lockdown has presented different challenges for families and whilst home learning may have gone well until now, some families are struggling to keep motivated with learning at home. There is no quick fix for this and 'lockdown fatigue' affects lots of people. To help, we will continue to do our best to keep in contact with parents through Google Classroom, which is our primary way to support two way communication. If you need additional advice or support, please contact the class teacher and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, please alert the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Deb Williams, Mrs Angela Moncrieff or Mrs Sally Windmill. You can also contact Access and Response to make a referral to social care on 01454 866000 Accessandresponse@southglos.gov.uk

Safe drop offs and pick ups

- To avoid congestion around the site, it is really important that children are dropped off and picked up on time, using the one-way system.
- Please avoid arriving too early or too late. If you arrive after your bubble's entrance is closed, please contact the school office and wait (away from other arrivals) until an adult from your child's bubble can come to collect (this may take some minutes as they will be supervising hand washing).
- Can we also ask that only one adult picks up the child and that parents do not linger around the front of the site, as it clogs up access for the next group and makes social distancing more difficult.
- Be patient, be kind and considerate to other parents, children and staff.



BACK TO SCHOOL 2020 Buying Your Uniform

Advice from your uniform supplier
for the coming summer

We face a potentially difficult summer with delays or interruptions to normal deliveries of uniform. To give us the best chance of supplying all your uniform requirements can we please ask:

1. **Order early**
2. **Order online**
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We need your help!

2020 is the 75th anniversary of the end of War in Europe (celebrated by VE Day). To commemorate this very significant event we are planning on creating a commemorative carved bench which captures the essence of "Peace in Europe"

This is a community project, so to get us going we would like as many designs as possible from all age groups, to capture what peace in our time symbolises.

What to do!

We want your designs – Bench shaped please!
(e.g. xx cms by xx cms)

We welcome designs from everyone in Wickwar

Please keep your designs simple, because your chosen design(s) will need to be carved in wood on a 2 metre bench!

Either - email your designs to wagwickwar1@gmail.com or post it at no.xx High Street

Example bench



Closing date
31/8/20

School Packed Lunches – Term 6 only

Children may still bring their packed lunches from home, but the school kitchen will open on 15th June to make school packed lunches if you would like them. Please book in the usual way using the online payment system. Children on site in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will get the meals for free (as usual) as well as KS2 children in receipt of free school meals.

Week 1 - 15th June, 29th June, 13th July

Sandwich & Baguette Options	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sandwich 1 Option	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Baguettes	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Baguettes	Cheese Sandwich
Sandwich 2 Option	Ham Sandwich	Ham Baguette	Ham Sandwich	Ham Baguette	Ham Sandwich
Sandwich 3 Option	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Chicken Mayo Sandwich	Egg Mayo Baguette	School Choice
Veg	Veg Sticks	Veg Sticks	Veg Sticks	Veg Sticks	Veg Sticks
Fruit	Apple	Orange	Banana	Apple	Orange
Snack	Shortbread Finger	Cornflake Crispy Cakes	lemon Drizzle cake	Cup Cake	School Choice
Dietary/Allergen Options available Gluten Free, Vegan, Dairy Free, Egg Free					
This menu is Subject to Change					

Week 2 - 22nd June, 6th July, 20th July

Sandwich & Baguette Options	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sandwich 1 Option	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Baguettes	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Baguettes	Cheese Sandwich
Sandwich 2 Option	Ham Sandwich	Ham Baguette	Ham Sandwich	Ham Baguette	Ham Sandwich
Sandwich 3 Option	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Chicken Mayo Sandwich	Egg Mayo Baguette	School Choice
Veg	Veg Sticks	Veg Sticks	Veg Sticks	Veg Sticks	Veg Sticks
Fruit	Apple	Orange	Banana	Apple	Orange
Snack	Flapjack	Oaty Cookie	Vanilla Bakewell Tart	Choco Crunch	School Choice
Dietary/Allergen Options available Gluten Free, Vegan, Dairy Free, Egg Free					
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Families in receipt of free school meals, who are not on site, will continue to receive the food vouchers. Mrs Hall is organising these (Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk).