



Blended News @ Alexander Hosea



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8th January 2021

Welcome to the first edition of our new Blended Newsletter, which will be circulated weekly during the school closure for Lockdown 3. We will revert back to our normal fortnightly newsletter when the school reopens.

Editions of all newsletters are on the school website <https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/>

The Blended Newsletters will provide support, guidance and helpful tips for our families, whether the children are learning at home or in school on some days. We will try to keep this to two sides so that it is accessible for all.

Communication

The school office will remain open throughout the week. Mrs Packer and Mrs McNeill will be checking the school emails and phone messages regularly.

The post box is still open at the front of the school, if you need to post a hard copy of anything to us.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be accessing Google Classroom (Years 1-6) and Evidence Me (Reception) on a daily basis and will be checking emails regularly.

A list of contact details is at the end of this newsletter.

Contact Details for School:

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Remote Provision

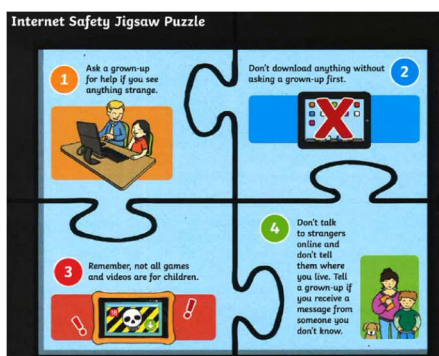
Even though we cannot all be together, we are still one big blended community. We are very grateful to the Teachers who have very quickly set up the Remote Learning provision for the children after Mr Johnson's announcement on Monday evening.

As the majority of children are at home, the focus for all provision is to provide an education for the children who are unable to attend school at this time. Critical Workers and vulnerable children who have to come to school, will be following this plan too.

We have removed the submission time for remote learning, so that children can upload their learning that day rather than by 3pm.

Online Safety

As your children will be using online platforms for learning more frequently during Lockdown 3, please talk to your children about staying safe online and what you expect from them at home in terms of safe use. There are lots of resources on the internet. NSPCC has lots of good resources (link below).



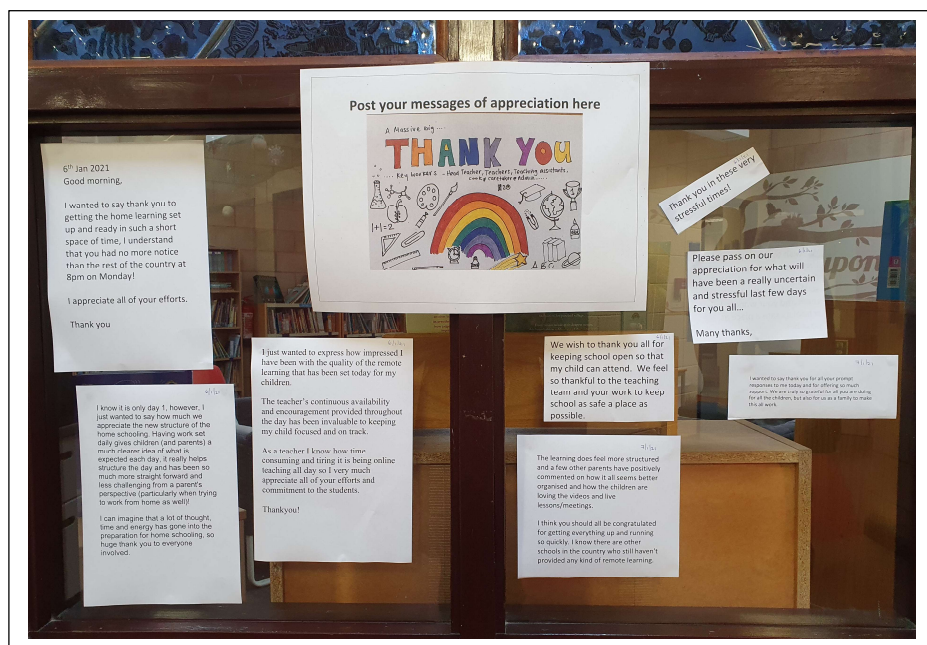
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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 if you can.

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

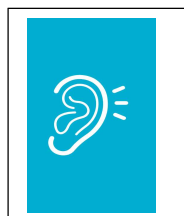
Please **help us to stay well and open only to those who really need it**. Some class numbers on some days (esp Wed and Thurs) are higher than we feel comfortable with.



Feedback

We have taken on board feedback from Lockdown 1 and completely transformed our remote provision for Lockdown 3. Many parents have been in touch to share their positive feedback about this. Thank you for taking the time to do this.

We have started an appreciation board for staff, with anonymised feedback. This was how it looked by 6th January.



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 3. 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
Covid symptoms and/or positive test (for child who is attending school as critical worker /vulnerable child)	School Office	Alexanderhoseprimary@sgmail.org.uk and Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk
Covid positive test (for children at home)	School office	Alexanderhoseprimary@sgmail.org.uk
Remote learning, including access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence Me (Reception), Google Classroom (Y1-6), Times Tables Rock Stars (Y2-6), Mathletics (Y1-6) and Bug Club (all years). 	Class teacher(s)	Topaz Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk Emerald Nicola.Grainger1@sgmail.org.uk Jet Laura.Cleverley@sgmail.org.uk and Rebecca.Rehman@sgmail.org.uk Ruby Sarah.Wigginton@sgmail.org.uk Crystal Amy.Clark@sgmail.org.uk Diamond Angela.Moncrieff@sgmail.org.uk and Rebecca.Chalmers@sgmail.org.uk Pearl Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk Amethyst Heidi.Brooks@sgmail.org.uk
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