



# Alexander Hosea Primary School

*'Roots to grow, wings to fly'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. We are all missing each and every child and family and think about you all a lot as each week passes.

Our teachers, leaders, teaching assistants, admin team, caretaker and lunch break supervisors are working hard to plan and respond to learning; provide provision for key workers' children; order and pay for essential supplies and manage budgets; attend (virtual) meetings - including Governors' meetings; write reports and keep in contact with the families of vulnerable children. These actions help the day to day running of the school and each part of the cog is important.

I am extremely proud of the Alexander Hosea team; because of their collective efforts, our offer during these unprecedented times has been of a very high standard. This has taken a significant commitment, dedication and flexibility from all members of the team, for which I am truly grateful. I know that their efforts are appreciated by parents too, as we receive a huge amount of positive feedback. Thank you.

We are very aware of the impact that the school closures are having on family life (many of us are parents too) and whilst many families may be settling into a routine of sorts, for others this has been exceptionally difficult. We know that each family will be experiencing the situation differently and that many families may have additional anxiety where a family member has an underlying health condition or where they have developed symptoms of Covid-19. We are here for you; keep communicating with us and if you need additional help (beyond our school offer), do get in touch and we can seek out a service/agency that may be able to help.

In the near future, we hope to be in the position to start planning our approach to reopening the school in some way. We do not yet know what this might look like, as it will be based on Government advice which is not yet available, but be assured we will carefully consider each step of our plan and share it with you in a timely fashion.

Please find attached Newsletter 16. I apologise that it is quite long, but I hope there will be helpful information for families.

There is an update this week from the Department for Education about critical workers. The key principles are:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they must be.
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.

- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents must also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They must observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We hope that you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend. We would love to see your VE day photos and keep attempting your 2.6 and 26 challenges. The teachers will be collating photos of the 26/2.6 for next Friday and there may even be another treat for the children from our staff then too!

All the very best,

Mrs Deb Williams