

Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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

From Mrs Williams.

We have enjoyed a successful fortnight, with the children forging forward with their learning and showing enthusiasm for their projects. It is such a pleasure to have all the children back in school with us again. We are really proud of how they have all managed the transition and settled back into learning and social aspects of school life.

Thank you for your continuing support in keeping our children and staff safe by making sure that children stay at home if they are unwell with possible symptoms; arranging tests for coronavirus where needed; adhering to social distancing and one way systems. We have been informed that there is now a testing centre at UWE, so in the event that a member of your household had symptoms, it should be possible to arrange a test in South Glos.

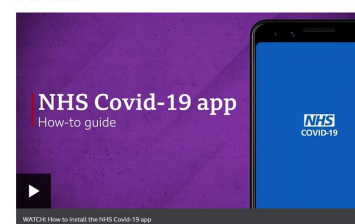
We hope that everyone stays safe and well. Our attendance remains high and all families are making every effort for children to be in school everyday. Thank you.

Attendance

- All children are expected to attend school every day, as long as they are well (see link to the right for advice). We are very pleased that all children have returned to school in September.
- Holidays in term time are not authorised and holidays should be booked in the 13 weeks school holidays.
- If your child has a **persistent cough, a temperature of 37.5°+ or loss of taste or smell**, contact the school office, keep them and all members of the household at home and arrange for a coronavirus test. Once the test result returns, please contact the school office to inform. Negative results (and as long as no one else in the household has symptoms) mean that the household are safe to go about their normal routines and the child(ren) can return to school.

NHS Covid – 19 app

As you may have seen advertised, there is a new app to support the government's test and trace processes.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54250736>

Pupil Places

We are pleased to have welcomed a number of new children to our school (as well as the Reception children) this term and we know there are a further few families awaiting decisions from admissions.

We are now full and over-subscribed in all KS2 classes and there are children on waiting lists in all KS2 year groups. We have a few remaining places in both Reception and Year 2 at present, if you know of anyone who is looking for a place in our school.

Prospective Parents for September 2021

If you have a child who is due to start school next year and you would like to arrange a visit, please contact the school office. Visits can be arranged from now until 14th January 2021 for one adult and one child at a time and masks should be worn by the visiting adult and staff member.

Tours will not visit classrooms, but you will be able to see classrooms in action through the windows/doors.

Covid-19 Information for Parents and Carers

Social Distancing at our school

Our school is taking all the necessary precautions to protect us all against infection. Please follow the steps below:

Before you travel

Before you send your child to school, **stop and think**. Can you reduce pressure on the public transport system and road network by walking or cycling?

If anyone in your household has any symptoms of Covid-19

CALL US TO LET US KNOW - DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL

Symptoms are: A new continuous cough or high temperature, loss of taste or smell

If you need to book a test phone NHS 119 or book online

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Plan your journey

Please make sure it is only ONE parent or carer that takes your child to the school gate and follow the instructions on social distancing from there:

Wash or sanitise your hands before your journey

Take hand sanitiser and a face covering if you can

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, plan ahead and follow the school's guidance on how and when to speak with them

On your journey

Use a face covering if you can when you will be close to others

Maintain 2 metre-distance where possible, especially at the school gate

Be patient and carry out requests from the school

Wash or sanitise your hands as frequently as possible

Completing your journey

When finishing your journey you should:

Throw away single use face coverings or wash reusable face covering

Wash or sanitise your hands as soon as possible

Off The Record

Off the Record is a local service that has been highly recommended by other parents. They are running virtual parent groups for parents of any aged child who may be experiencing difficulties with their emotional health.

Parents can ring **0808 808 9120** for more information.

School admissions

Is your child due to start primary or secondary school in September 2021? The application process for places is now open. Read the South Glos web pages and admissions guides by following the links below:

The deadline for secondary schools is **31st October 2020**. Find out more at:

www.southglos.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

The deadline for primary, infant and junior applications is **15th January 2021**. Find out more at:

www.southglos.gov.uk/primaryadmissions



Help us keep everyone safe when dropping off and picking up your child:



Wash your hands before and after taking or collecting your child from school.



Arrive on time for your allocated drop off/pick up time.



Leave promptly after drop off/pick up.



Keep your distance from others.



Avoid gathering in groups around the gate. Give people space to enter and exit.



If anyone in your household has any symptoms of Covid-19 call us to let us know - **DO NOT** come to school.

Stop the spread. Do the right thing.

Parent Council

Parent Council will recommence in Term 2. We are working on how we can do this safely at the moment.

If you have been the representative for your class in the past and wish to continue, please let the office know that you are the representative. So far, we have heard from most classes – we are looking for representatives for Diamond and Amethyst.

Alternatively, if you would like to hand the role to another parent, please see if you can find someone else to take over and ask them to let the office know that they are the new representative.

For each representative, we will need to know which email address you would like us to use.

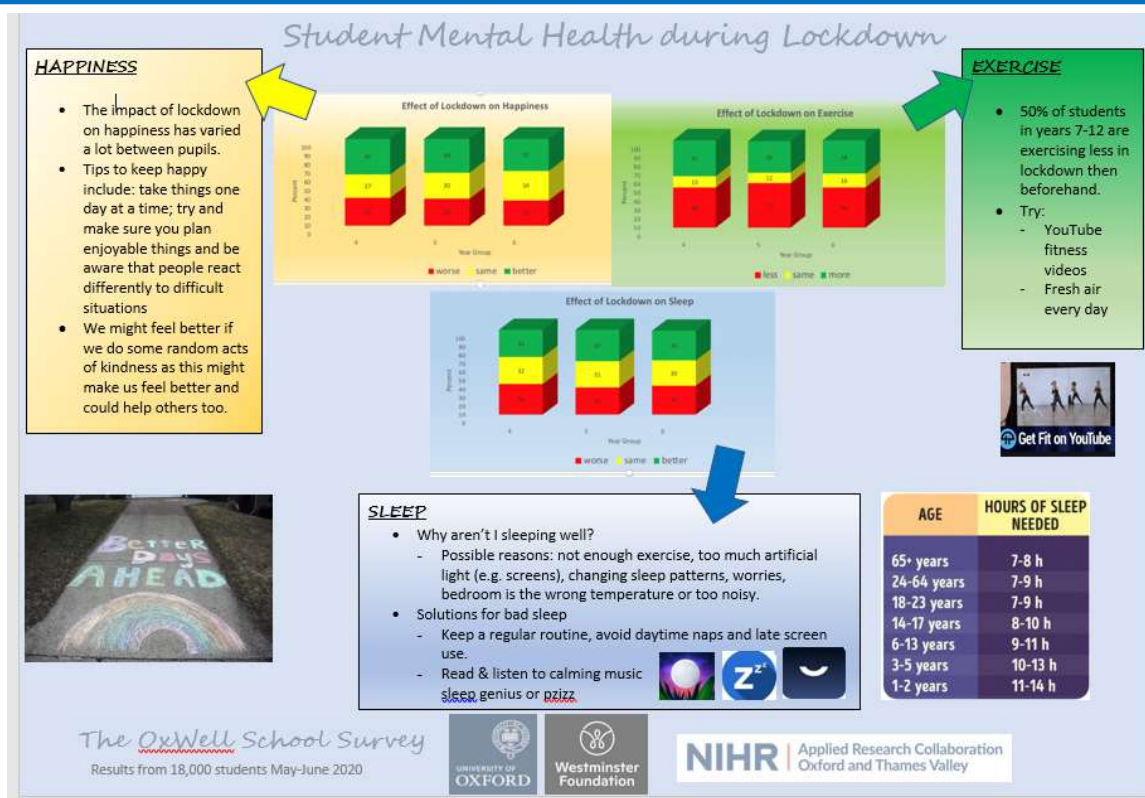
Meetings in Terms 2-4 are likely to be carried out remotely.

Free school meals

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

<https://find-information-for-adultschildrenfamilies.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=96T2gCAk10A>









Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is funding for children who are eligible for **'Free School Meals'**. This funding follows the child throughout primary school, with approx. £1350 per year to help each child to achieve well in school and keep fit and healthy. Even if the family were only eligible to receive FSM for a short period, it is definitely worth applying for this funding, if you are eligible.

'Universal Free School Meals' is different – this is the national free meals programme for all Infant children. **Children can receive Universal free school meals in the infants and be eligible for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium).**

COVID-19 (coronavirus) testing: Guidance for parents and carers



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative (if child no longer has symptoms and is well)</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone else tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>After 10 days isolation, if child feels better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone else tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Letter for parents on

coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

Public Health England has produced a [letter for schools and colleges to share with parents](#) which explains when a child requires a coronavirus (COVID-19) test and what the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are.

The intention of the letter is to support parents and carers in identifying when their child needs to self-isolate as a result of displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing.

COVID-19 Information page – School website

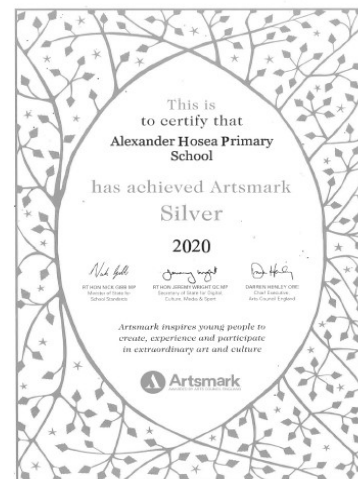
There is now a dedicated COVID-19 information page on the school website. It can be found using this link

<https://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/page/?title=COVID%2D19&pid=293>

ARTSMARK SILVER AWARD 2020

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Artsmark Silver for 2020. We have worked really hard as a school to evolve our Arts curriculum and deliver a wide range of opportunities for our pupils to enhance their skills and knowledge.

We have enjoyed cultural workshops, music tuition, artist visits and high quality art lessons through class projects. Also there have been developments in the use of sketchbooks to display art and design techniques and skills and showcase pupil's individual art journeys.
Mrs Laura Cleverley – Art & Design Leader



Friends of Alexander Hosea School



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Annual General Meeting

Our school needs YOU!



Tuesday 6th October at 6:30pm

We need to elect a new Chair and Secretary, so this would be a great opportunity for a new core team to bring new fresh ideas to the Friends of AHS!

Please contact us for the link to join this online meeting
Email friendsofahs@hotmail.com or send us a Facebook message

Wickwar Out of School Club



VACANCY

Wickwar Out of School Club (WOOSC) is registered with Ofsted, and is run as a not for profit organisation, based in The Olive Pollard Community Rooms adjacent to the Alexander Hosea School in Wickwar. The club is open from 7.45 am until 9.00 am and 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm weekdays. We also offer some holiday care from 8.00 am till 6 pm according to demand.

WOOSC aim to provide childcare in a safe, secure and relaxed environment, offering a range of activities to reflect the interests of children who use the club. Our website provides further information about our services.

We currently have a vacancy for an

Unqualified Playworker

(based at The Olive Pollard Community Centre)

The post is for a minimum of 9 hours 10 mins per week (term-time only) with a starting salary of £8.72 per hour. The successful candidate will need:

- to be available to work at our Wickwar site **every weekday** (term-time only) and **at least one evening per week**.
- Current hours will be from **07:40 to 09:05 for morning shifts** (term-time only) and from **15:20 to 17:50 for afternoon shifts**. This is to provide consistent staffing of the class 'bubbles' set by Alexander Hosea School.
- to have the ability to provide and facilitate safe, creative play
- to have good communication skills and confidence when speaking to parents/carers and children

We provide flexible working conditions, the opportunity to work as part of a team and provide training and support.

Interviews will be held once short listing has taken place and a start date will be confirmed with the successful candidate(s) taking into consideration any notice period required.

Closing date for applications is Friday 16th October 2020.

Application packs may be requested via our email address woosc@hotmail.co.uk or by calling Emma James on 07815 561783 outside of club hours.

Wickwar Out of School Club (Ofsted Registration No136114)