

# Alexander Hosea Primary School

## 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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### Newsletter 9, 12th March 2021

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

From Mrs Williams.

It has been our great pleasure to welcome your wonderful children back this week. We have been so impressed with their excellent learning attitudes and behaviour across the school. They are engaging well and the teachers are so pleased that they have retained their thirst for learning. Today, all children have been awarded a Headteacher's Award for their outstanding engagement with the remote learning provision and demonstrating our ASPIRE (Adaptability, Self-belief, Perseverance, Inclusion, Respect and Enquiry) values throughout Lockdown 3. We really could not be prouder of them.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution that all parents have made to ensuring that all children have engaged with the remote learning offer. Home/school partnership is always very important in supporting children's wellbeing and development, but it has become even more so during the lockdown period. Every minute, hour and day your child engaged in their learning, will have helped them to continue their learning journey - this has contributed positively to the seamless way they have reconnected with learning at school. Thank you for everything you have done.

### Roadmap out of lockdown

#### What are the current lockdown rules as of 8<sup>th</sup> March – Step 1 a?

'England is still in a national lockdown. You must stay at home, leaving only where permitted by law, and follow the rules in the [national lockdown: stay at home guidance](#)'.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#march-whats-changed>

1. Schools & childcare fully reopen.
2. People can leave home for recreational/exercise with their household/support bubble.
3. One person can meet with one person from another household (outside) for recreation or exercise.
4. Social distancing, wearing face coverings, regular hand washing etc still required.
5. 'Stay at home' rule still applies (see link about what's changed above).

#### What implications are there for parents/children?


- The Government rules must be observed, as they are set out in law.
- Whilst children are in class bubbles at school, they should not be meeting with more than one friend from another household outside school. Outdoor gatherings with other household groups are still not allowed at present.
- Parents are not in the class bubble, so groups of mixed parents and children should not meet outside school yet (this changes to rule of 6 or two households at the end of March – see next page).
- One adult can meet one adult from another household for recreation/exercise.

#### Our Value of the Term is: **Inclusion**

This term we talk about the importance of being respectful of each other and tolerant of differing world views (linking to British Values). We are fortunate to have kind and considerate children, who enjoy making a positive impact on others through their thoughts, words and actions. We shine a light on this through this value.

#### Red Nose Day <https://www.comicrelief.co.uk>

For the 'Share a Smile' Comic Relief event this year, we would like to invite children to come into school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March wearing **bright** coloured clothes for £1 donation to comic relief (collection buckets at morning drop off). We will also be sharing our best jokes in school, so it would be great if they can practice a few before then.



### One Step at a Time Challenge

The children are all geared up for the start of the Friends of AHS walking challenge, which starts next week.

Each class will have the opportunity to do one of their miles of the day in school.

How far will we be able to walk together?

## Roadmap out of lockdown –

### What can we look forward to next?

The government have set out their roadmap out of lockdown so that we can have dates in mind for a gradual return to normal. Some of these dates were provisional and depend on infection rates, but there is every reason to be hopeful with the vaccine roll out and falling infection rates.

Here is a summary of the easing of restrictions, which might be helpful. The main document link is below, if you would like to read more.

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months, as we start to be able to see friends and family again (hopefully with no limits by mid-June).

#### Step 1 (b) 29<sup>th</sup> March

- Outdoor gatherings allowed – rule of 6 or two households.
- Outdoor sports facilities reopen for formally organised outdoor sports.
- 'Stay and home' rule ends, but work from home where you can and limit number of journeys.

#### Step 2 12<sup>th</sup> April (at the earliest)

- Shops, hairdressers, libraries, gyms etc open.
- Outdoor attractions (eg zoos) reopen.
- Self-contained accommodation (eg holiday lets with own facilities) open.
- Hospitality (pubs, restaurants) able to reopen for outdoor table service for 6 people or 2 households.
- No indoor mixing between households.
- Life events (weddings, receptions, wakes) – up to 15 people.

#### Step 3 17<sup>th</sup> May (at the earliest)

- Will be able to see more friends and family (i) up to 30 people outside; (ii) rule of 6 or 2 households inside.
- Indoor entertainment opens – hotels, indoor exercise classes, cinemas, children's play areas.
- Life events (weddings, wakes, christenings) up to 30 people.
- Review of social distancing, face coverings etc to inform step 4.

#### Step 4 21<sup>st</sup> June (at the earliest)

- Removal of all legal limits on social contact.
- Remaining premises reopen.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

## Swimming survey – KS2

Please could all KS2 parents, respond to the question about swimming on Google Classroom by **19<sup>th</sup> March** at the latest.

Mrs Rehman will be using this information to plan for school swimming lessons.

We know that a lot of KS2 children attend swimming lessons outside of school (when pools are open) and will have already achieved their 25 metres distance badge there.

## Easter Challenge



Easter is just around the corner and we would like to invite all children to get creative and use their unicorn ELLI skills to make something Easter-related.

This could be a card, an Easter bonnet, an Easter egg carrier/buggy, an Easter cake (or anything else they fancy). You might want to choose something to display in your house window.

Pictures of their creations should be uploaded to Google Classroom/Evidence Me by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**.



## Friends of AHS

THANK YOU again for your continued support this year. We have been working on our Covid-safe fundraising plans during lockdown and have the following events ready for your diaries!

**One Step at a Time Walking Challenge:** Please put on your walking boots and join us for this fun team challenge from **15-30 March**. For more details see the flyer sent out by email on 10 March.

**Spring Rags2Riches collection:** This has been rebooked for **Monday 26 April** so please rummage through your wardrobes and bring us your unwanted and outgrown clothes to recycle!

**COMING SOON:** Easter Egg Shop (last week of this term) and Easter Story Trail (1-18 April)!

*Don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) and [webpage](#) for the latest news!*