



Blended News @ Alexander Hosea



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We are really excited to be able to welcome all children back to school next week. The children will be continuing on from their learning during the blended learning period and staff will be supporting their social and academic resilience over the coming month until the Easter holidays. Towards the end of this term, the teachers will assess the children in preparation for parents' evening at the end of April/ start of May

Our main priority will be to help the children to re-engage emotionally and socially in the coming week in particular. We will be using our Jigsaw PHSE programme resources as a main driver for this and refreshing ELLI with the children (see last week's Friday assembly). The staff know your children very well and will know how to tailor the provision to provide this support.

Whilst we are all thrilled to have a full school back in, we are still in a lockdown and the safety measures still apply. We continue to ask all children to be dropped off and collected by one person; all parents to wear masks once inside the school gates; follow the one way system; retain social distancing and move away swiftly from the site. I know everyone will be pleased to see each other and want to catch up, but please do not linger and congregate socially. Thank you for your co-operation. I know everyone craves freedoms again; this is only just around the corner.

Value this Term: 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.

Protective measures

To reflect the national gradual easing of restrictions, we will be continuing our protective measures for the time being and will start to ease in line with the progress nationally.

- Bubble groups to reduce social contact.
- Minimise contact across the site.
- Staggered drop off and pick up – with one way system, social distancing and masks for all adults. Please keep all children by your side in the waiting areas and disperse away from the site quickly.
- Staff will continue to be offered lateral flow tests (new from Feb 2021) and wear masks in the communal areas.
- Regular cleaning during the day and after school.
- Frequent handwashing.
- Respiratory hygiene – catch it, bin it, kill it.
- Ventilation around school and in classrooms.

We know that these measures are effective as we have had very few cases of covid in school and these were quickly contained.

As restrictions ease nationally, we will follow the DfE and local authority guidance about how to ease back to normal. We anticipate this to be gradual rather than sudden.

Contact Details for School: 01454 294239

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Reporting Covid incidents

It is important that you let us know of any suspected or confirmed Covid 19 cases in your household. We are required to report this to DfE.

If someone in your household is showing one of the main symptoms:

*A high temperature.

*A new, continuous cough.

*A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Stay at home and get a test to check if you have coronavirus. The whole household must stay at home until a negative result is received.

Please let us know via the school office.

Exploitation Awareness for Parents - It can happen to my child!

Exploitation Awareness for Parents via MS Teams

- Have you heard of CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation)?
- Do you know about County Lines?
- Do you know what Online Grooming and Exploitation is?

Maybe you would like to know more about all the above or some of the above. The prevention officer from TOPAZ exploitation team, Avon and Somerset Police is bringing you 60 minutes virtual awareness/guidance sessions.

This is a perfect opportunity to increase your awareness.

To book a place, please follow Eventbrite links below.

Tuesday 16th March 2021 – 07:00pm (290 spaces available)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/child-exploitation-awareness-for-parents-it-can-happen-to-my-child-tickets-143071030303>

Friday 19th March 2021 – 07:00pm (290 spaces available)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/child-exploitation-awareness-for-parents-it-can-happen-to-my-child-tickets-143294211845>

South Gloucestershire
Community Learning and Skills Service

*FREE course Building Family Resilience



A *FREE 4-6-week course exploring tools to help equip parents/carers with the skills, knowledge and confidence to support their children in developing confidence, independence, resilience, conflict resolution, emotional intelligence and goal-setting. The course is delivered online and provides activities for parents/carers and children to explore together, in a fun and safe environment.

Where: Online (Zoom and Google Classroom)

How long: 4 weeks with a possible additional 2 weeks

There is a parents' information session about this programme on **Wednesday 17th March 9:30am.**

The Zoom link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/95857865377?pwd=OGtzMGNVOU1PaFNtb3NGWFYvWDZkZz09>

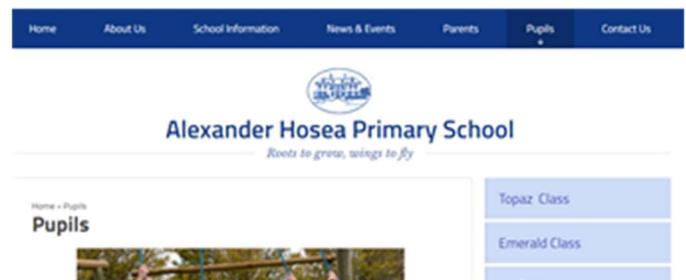
Meeting ID: 958 5786 5377

Passcode: 0uhHqr

Website

At Parent Council, we talked about use of the website and they raised that it is sometimes unclear about where to find particular items of interest. In the forthcoming newsletters, we will highlight key areas of interest for parents.

Now that we are returning to normal communication routines, fortnightly newsletter and teacher's weekly newsletters will be saved on the website and there are helpful class pages for your information. Click on Pupils tab and then your child's class name.



During Lockdown, most information has been shared through Evidence Me and Google Classroom.

Parent Council

Parent council met this week to discuss changes to Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) and feedback from classes. Minutes will be on the website soon. We would like to thank the Parent Council for working hard to provide a strong communication link between home and school.

Rags 2 Riches

The next collection will be on 26th April. Please drop off from 7:30am. More information from Friends.

Winter Grant Scheme

The Winter Grant scheme aims to help meet immediate needs and really support those families who are struggling to afford food and utility bills (heating, cooking, lighting) and water for household purposes (including drinking, washing, cooking, central heating, sewerage and sanitary purposes), or other related essentials. The financial support could include more practical items such as purchase of blankets or more expensive items such as boiler / oven repairs or perhaps even a replacement oven if the existing one is broken beyond safe use / repair.

Parents and carers can contact CAB on 03444 111 444 or the Council on 0800 953 7778 Quoting Winter Grant funding.

What to bring to school:

- Wear full school uniform and PE kit on PE days.
- Packed lunch box (if needed).
- Bottle of water.
- Fruit/veg snack for morning break.
- Homelearning books.
- All reading books borrowed from school.
- DfE laptops loaned from school.
- A small bag (if required, when lots to carry).

Please clearly label all items, so that it is easy to see whom they belong to.

Phonics Information for Parents

Mrs Windmill has created a video for parents about our approach to phonics and early reading. We would encourage Reception and Y1 parents to watch this to help you to support your child at home. There is a link on Topaz Class page too.

[ahttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctHsIArdCi4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctHsIArdCi4)

Topaz

8:45am-3pm (red gate)

Emerald

8:50am-3:05pm (front door)

Jet

8:55am-3:10pm (Playground gate)

Ruby

8:55am-3:15pm (Front door)

Crystal

9:05am-3:20pm (Playground gate)

Diamond

9am-3:25pm (Front door)

Pearl

9:10am-3:30pm (Playground gate)

Amethyst

9:15am – 3:30pm (Front door)



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), • Athletics (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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