



Blended News @ Alexander Hosea



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We hope that this newsletter finds everyone safe and well. We received detailed feedback from the Parent Council this week about the Blended Learning offer and we are very pleased that parents are finding this to be of consistent high quality; the daily set learning is going really well; children are responding well to teacher's expectations and love the live and recorded videos (including class reading); like the flexible Fridays in response to previous feedback from working parents; appreciating the teacher's feedback and communication and wow days. Thank you.

Attendance of vulnerable children and children of critical workers

Limiting attendance at schools and colleges helps to support the reduction in the overall number of social contacts in our communities, which is a vital intervention in the context of current very high transmission rates.

As a school, we continue to offer attendance for those vulnerable children and children of critical workers who need to be in school. Where there is an adult at home to look after them, critical worker's children should remain at home.

Please only request places on the days that are absolutely necessary, so that we can keep our numbers on site to a minimum and reduce social contacts.

To reduce numbers in school for **Emerald and Diamond classes**, a separate letter has been sent out and the registers will close from Friday 29th Jan. Parents are reapplying for places for the w/c 1st Feb if they absolutely need it as they are going out to work and only for the days that they are working.

Deadline for applications is Weds 27th.

In all year groups, critical workers should not ask for places on days that they are not working (including furlough, maternity and other absence from work).

Thank you for working with us to reduce all of our social contacts and reduce the possibility of transmission of Covid 19.

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Value this Term: Perseverance

In assemblies and in PHSE remote learning we will talk about continuing to try hard to achieve something, even when it is hard; there are obstacles in the way and it may take time. Stand firm and don't give up.

Reporting Covid incidents during lockdown 3

While the majority of our families are learning at home, it is still 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 (phone message/email out of hours – see above), so that we can record these properly and adjust remote learning as appropriate.

Assessment – Y6

As you may be aware, the Y6 tests will not be going ahead as normal. We are awaiting further information about assessment expectations from the Standards & Testing Agency in the coming weeks.

Once we know what the arrangements are, we will let parents know.



Virtual School Library

Reading for pleasure in this time is not just good for the mental health and well-being of children but also educationally. The Oak Academy has launched a Virtual School Library with free reading and activities from the National Literacy Trust.

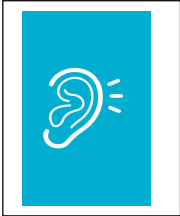
<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Laptops on loan – DfE stock

We have been given four laptops to loan from the DfE. These have been allocated to families in need.

If you are struggling with technology and would like to be put on the waiting list (in case more laptops arrive in the future), please contact Allison.Hall@sgmail.org.uk and give clear reason why you might need a laptop to loan.

Families on receipt of Free School Meals, with social workers or with an EHCP child (not attending school) will have first priority.



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. 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
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