



Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, we hope that you are all happy, well and safe. Another week has just flown by. This newsletter is jam-packed with important updates so it might need a couple of reads just to soak up all the information.

September Opening

The question that we have all been asking has finally been answered! Yesterday, the DFE published their latest guidance regarding the return to school in September. The first line of this guidance stated,

'It is our plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term.'

I'm sure that this will be a relief for many parents and children: to know that their children will be able to resume their education, meet up with friends and get back to a degree of normality. As parents, we will all have concerns about our children returning to school. Our job at Alford Primary, is now to plan and implement the detailed guidance issued to us – to create the safest possible environment that we can. This will take time to implement and time to ensure that all facets of the school are as safe as they can be. Over the next week, we will be working relentlessly to plan for this so that we can communicate our expectations for September. We anticipate changes and I'm sure you will have many, many questions. We will be producing a leaflet, which we hope will answer all these questions. This will be shared as soon as we can and certainly by the end of term.

Current EYFS- Y5 Transition Mornings.

The sign up for Transition Mornings has been fantastic. By now, you should have received an invitation detailing the day that your child is

invited to attend. We have organised these mornings to ensure that the groups are small enough to ensure social distancing can be adhered to. Unfortunately, due to this, the days cannot be changed. Just to recap – on the day-children can arrive any time between 8.45am and 9.15am. They should come to the doors stated on the Parent Hub message you received. Children can then be collected from the same place between 11.30am and 11.50am. If possible, please can all children bring in a sturdy plastic bag for taking home belongings and books.

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 Bubbles

These will close from Tuesday 14th July. After this, EYFS and Y1 children will only be coming in for their Transition Morning unless alternative arrangements have been made via the office.

Keyworker Bubbles

These Bubbles will also close from Tuesday 14th July.

A reminder to all that the children of Keyworkers who have booked to come in on Wednesday 15th July – Friday 17th July will not be with their usual Bubble adults. These children will need to be dropped off at the fire exit door to the main hall at 8.45am and collected at 3.15pm. They will need to bring a packed lunch unless they have been receiving a lunch in school. **We now have no more keyworker spaces available for Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July.**

Reports

Your child's end-of-year report will be distributed on their Transition Morning. If your child is not attending the Transition Morning, it can be collected from the school office between 11am and 3pm on Monday 20th or Tuesday 21st July. Any reports not collected after this date will be posted to parents. Year 6 children who are attending the Secondary Transition Mornings on 8th and 9th July will be given their reports then. Any not collected will be posted.

A Message to Year 6

With just over a week left in school, I want to wish our wonderful Year 6 the absolute best for the future. This is not the ending to their primary school that anyone could have predicted and certainly nobody would have wanted. They have not been able to have the usual 'send-off' - they have missed out on their final performance, their end-of-school rounder's match and BBQ – their Prom and of course their SATS (maybe not too sad about that one, Year 6!?).

Despite this, the Year 6s have been amazing. Both in school, and out, they have smiled and shown how very Rosie Resilient they are. I am immensely proud of them, their teachers are immensely proud of them and I hope they are proud of themselves. I hope, when they are allowed to, that they will pop back and see us again - so that we can give them the hug that they deserve - that we are still not allowed to give. Be ever wonderful and ever happy, Year 6!

Mrs Ross

Classes for Next Year

The classes for next year will be as follows:

Current Class	New Class	New Teacher
Butterflies	1H	Miss Hicks
Ladybirds	1W	Mrs Wakelin
1H	2CH	Mrs Cooper and Mr Hextall
1W	2HW	Mrs Hall and Mrs Williams
2HW	3L	Mr Le'Gate
2CH	3B	Mrs Beezer
3L	4BS	Mrs Bailey and Mrs Simons
3B	4K	Miss Kerr
4BS	5S	Mr Smith
4K	5M	Mrs Murray
5S	6HS	Mrs Hill and Mrs Simpson
5M	6D	Miss Dawes

FREE SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS

All parents, who supplied us with an email address, will be receiving details from the Government about the FSM summer voucher scheme on Friday 17th July 2020. Please read your email very carefully about activating the ecode and follow the Government instructions. **Please note that the expiry date to activate your ecode is 17th August 2020.** Any queries must be directed to Edenred as this is a Government scheme.

Uniform Shop

We are pleased to launch our Online Uniform Shop, which you can find at shop.alfordprimary.co.uk, to enable you to purchase school uniform. (the link is also available on our school website).

***If you order before the new class transition days, we can send the uniform home with your child. ***

We will also have additional days available when you can collect any uniform ordered online from the school office. These are Monday 20th July, Tuesday 21st July, Tuesday 1st September or Wednesday 2nd September between 11am and 3pm.

All uniform sales will now be made through the online uniform shop, as we are unable to offer over the counter sales in the office. Uniform ordered during term time will usually be sent home with your child. Please allow 2-3 **working** days.

Girls' Football

Alford Town Football Club has contacted the school and asked to share the following information.

'Any girls currently in Year 5 or 6 interested in joining the football team please contact;

Mike Wilkinson on - 01507 463452

Training is currently being run by Mike, a FA qualified coach with an enhanced CRB(DBS) certificate.

Training is taking place on a Thursday evening 5 - 6pm at the Alford football ground on starting Thursday 25th June.

Current FA guidelines state that Mike can train two groups of up to 5 girls, with strict social distancing in place of course and no handling of any equipment.

(also any girls who previously attended training that we have been unable to contact please come along!)

Let's get this team off the ground!! 😊😊'

Please note: This is an independent team and not managed by Alford Primary School. Parents should seek their own assurances of coaches qualifications and eligibility to work with children.

COVID-19 ALFORD SUPPORT FOR THOSE ISOLATING IN LOCKDOWN

It has come to light that some people testing positive for Covid aren't aware of the services available to them to support them and their families whilst isolating. The numbers isolating is likely to increase with track and trace so here are the numbers for the Alford Hub – a dedicated team who can help you if isolating,



The diagram shows the Alford Hub logo at the top left. The central text is 'Alford Hub'. Surrounding it are six colored hexagons representing services: 'Wired Community Centre & Boardroom' (blue), 'Prescription delivery for the vulnerable' (green), 'Crisis response' (red), 'The Alford Charities' (pink), 'Voluntary services' (purple), and 'Social prescribing' (yellow). Below the diagram, it says 'How to ask for Help' and provides contact information: 'If you require any of our services, please call 07957 272852 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Email: alfordhub@gmail.com'.



The poster features the Alford Hub logo at the top left. Below it is an illustration of three stylized human figures (two red, one yellow) standing on a blue globe. The text reads: 'IF YOU NEED SUPPORT WHILST SELF ISOLATING DUE TO COVID-19 OR TRACK AND TRACE. SIMPLY CALL/TEXT 07957 272852'.