



# Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy

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## September 2020

Welcome back to the new academic year. It seems such a long time since we've seen the smiling faces of our wonderful pupils. They have settled in so well during the first couple of days and have been quick to understand the new 'norm' of what the school looks like. All the staff are very proud of them.

### Staffing

As mentioned previously, we have welcomed Mr Rizvi as our new Assistant Head Teacher. You will get the chance to say 'hello' at the gate, when he is not teaching his class.

We have four new members of the Lunch Team: Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Armitage, Mrs McKee and Miss Brown.

They are doing a fantastic job of settling into the team and getting to know the children.

### Information and Consent Forms:

During the last few days of the summer term, you were sent a link to fill in the annual information we require regarding contacts, medical information and pick up information. Also, there were questions relating to consent information for things such as the use of photos, food tasting, and local trips. Thank you to the parents who have completed this. If you are still able to locate the link, then please fill this information in. We will resend the link this week also. Please ignore this if you have already completed it.

**It is essential that this is completed for every child in order for us to keep your child safe.**

If you are having difficulty with this, please contact the office or the 'help@' emails.

### Cashless payments:

We are now a 'cashless' school and all payments are made via the School Gateway App. This is to be used for trips, school dinners, uniform etc. If you are having difficulty downloading the app, or signing up for this service, there is a 'How to' guide on the school website – **Parents – More Information**. Alternatively, Mr Thomas and Mrs Hade will be available to speak to on Thursday morning at the school gates (8.40am-9.00am), so you can bring your phone and they can try to help with any issues you may have.

### Uniform

The information regarding prices and sizes of uniform is on the school website – **Key Information-Transition-Forms-School-Uniform Order Form**.

You can then pay via the School Gateway App and we will send this home with your child.

If you need any support, please contact the school office.

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### **Dates for your diary:**

#### **Transition**

*Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Inset Day*

*Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half Term*

*Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Return to school*

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## Catch-Up

The Government has released the guidance regarding catch up programmes in schools, and how this will be funded. During these first two weeks of term, we are assessing the children and using this information to plan for any 'catch up' that the children require. Thanks to all the parents who have returned the survey regarding whether they are happy for their children to undertake any learning outside of school hours; it has been a very positive response. We will again resend the link for anyone who has not had a chance to let us know this information.

We will also be linking our homework to help support any gaps in learning, and therefore this will begin formally during the week of 14<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, please ensure you are listening to your child read each day.

We will also inform you of our plan, once it has been finalised

## Lunch

Just a little reminder to send a drink with your child in their lunch box if they are having a pack up. Also, as we are trying to minimise contact risk, please ensure the things in the box are able to be opened by the child. Thank you.

## Medi-Tracker

We will be using the medi-tacker app during the next few weeks to start informing you of any accidents in school, rather than handwritten forms. We are currently just trialing this with several parents, and ensuring it works, before we roll this out to the whole school. You will then receive email notifications of any accidents.

## Website

We have been working on improvements to our website (and are continuing to do so). In particular, you should find the class pages more informative, with information relating to the timetable, curriculum and dates. We would welcome any feedback on further improvements you would like to see.

## Attendance

An amazing return to school! Thank you for supporting us by bringing your children back.

Remember if you have any issues to discuss, Rob Jones is available in school on a Wednesday, or you can phone him on 07900223045.

*Student voice:*

*"I was excited to come back to school to see my friends and meet my new teacher"*

*Jessica Thacker - Year 3*

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