



### 5th June 2020

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to this weeks newsletter. We are hoping all our children and families are safe and well. There have been many conversations through our welfare calls about the re-opening of Alexandra Park Junior School to Year 6 children. This week key meetings have taken place with leaders and the Governing Body to discuss risk assessments and action plans. These have been reviewed in these meetings and consulted by unions and all staff. The Risk assessment has been sent to the Local Authority today for approval and we will write to all our families early next week to inform you of our future plans and a proposed date for re-opening. Phone calls are already taking place with year 6 parents regarding their decisions to send their children in and if you have any questions you can contact us by email on <a href="mailto:info@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk">info@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk</a>, text us on 07786201169 or alternatively you can phone the school on 0161 770 8321.

We thank all our parents for their patience and understanding in awaiting this information.

# Wider re-opening of schools

The Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that by the 1st of June the country would be in a position 'to get primary pupils into school's, in stages, beginning with reception, Year 1 and Year 6.' Government guidelines have made it clear that parents will not be penalised (Fined), should they decide not to send their child back to school. However, parents are being actively encouraged to send their children back. This is a difficult decision and it is down to parents to decide. Oldham Council have produced this short video.

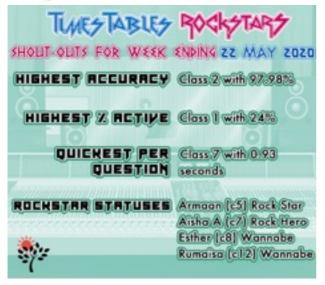
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_XKJgsLoL4o&feature=youtu.be

#### **Well Done**

A huge well done to all our children who are trying their best with their learning at home. Just try and do what you can and remember to limit your time online.









## Back to school transport update

Following the announcement from the Government that there will be a phased reopening of schools in England from Monday 1 June, we want to keep pupils and parents informed about the guidance around travelling to school.

Government guidance is that students should **avoid public transport where possible and trips to school should be made by cycling and walking.** For guidance and advice on cycling and walking, including tips and advice on journey planning, <u>click here</u>.

If pupils must use the bus or public transport, space will be limited due to social distancing – and once capacity is reached passengers will not be permitted to board on commercial or Yellow Buses

Those who must use public transport can help maintain a safer environment by following a few simple measures:

- Wear a face covering
- Keep a two-metre distance where possible on the platform, stop, station and on board
- Wash or sanitise your hands regularly and carry you own hand sanitiser
- Buy tickets online for smart cards or use mobile apps where possible, and use exact change if cash is needed

A TfGM igo card is proof of age ID (needed for child tickets from age 11) and is also a smart card for buying tickets online, see <a href="mailto:tfgm.com/igo">tfgm.com/igo</a> for details.







# Want to try a fantastic experiment at home?

This week in school our children designed a structure that held some heavy weights for a considerable amount of time. Watch this video here and see if you can smash the challenge at home with your family. Good Luck!

https://vimeo.com/425445486







Remember Stay Safe and Stay at home.
Stay connected!

