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By completing the pupil [Google Form](#) on our website

By email to CovidTesting@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

By phoning the Covid Testing answer machine on 02392 693432 ext 259

If your child's home test results are **positive** over the holidays, then please also ring the school on 02392 693432 extension 259 or, outside of school hours, email Mr. Matt Stedman, Director of Business Operations, on:

stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

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Equally, if a pupil needs to make a call – they can go to Pupil Services who will arrange for this to be made. Many thanks for your support with this.

Laptop Loans

During the recent lockdown, we loaned over 200 laptops to families to support home learning. These laptops are now required back in school to support learning in lesson. Please can you ensure that any Mayfield devices are returned to the Main Office immediately after the Easter Holiday.

Easter holiday food vouchers

Portsmouth City Council has pledged to fund meals over the Easter holidays for children who are eligible for free school meals. Families in receipt of qualifying benefits should by now have received £30 of vouchers per eligible child in order to buy food over the holiday period.

Please email:

General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

if you have any queries or questions about this scheme or have not yet received your vouchers.

Please note that the Mayfield Messenger will take a break over the Easter Break and will return on Friday 23rd April – unless there is an important update we need to share from the Government. Please note that school reopens for all pupils at the normal times on Monday 19th April.

Easter Holiday Activities

We are hosting two free Holiday Activity Programmes over the Easter holidays:

- Pompey in the Community are offering a 3 day Sports Activity programme from Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th April that is open to all pupils in Years 3 –6. Drop-off and pick-up for this event will be via the Year 2 classrooms in the Infant Playground
- CM Sports are offering a Holiday Activity programme based around sports, healthy eating and performing arts every day from 6th to 16th April. This programme is open to pupils who qualify for the Pupil Premium, service children and those who have been identified as vulnerable from Years 1 to 9. Drop-off and pick-up for this event will be via the Year 3 classrooms in the Junior Playground

Both events are **free** to attend and include lunch every day. These activities are for the exclusive use of Mayfield families with parents registering and reserving spaces directly with the providers.

Further information about these events is attached to this newsletter.

Uniform and Equipment

I would like to thank parents and carers for their considerable efforts in sending children back to school very smartly dressed. The consistent application of a uniform is one of the key steps to easing children back into full time face to face teaching. We know that pupils appreciate not having to worry each day about what they are wearing to school. That said, we fully appreciate that times are difficult for

families and if you need some support with the purchase or loan of uniform items, then we stand ready to help. Please email Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCo, for a discrete and confidential discussion:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

We will continue to provide all Primary Section pupils with individual stationery packs to minimise the sharing of equipment. We ask that all pupils in our Senior Section carry the following:

- Black pen and pencil plus spares;
- Purple pen for feedback;
- Glue stick;
- 30cm Ruler and an eraser;
- CASIO Fx Series calculator;

In order to support families, we have produced a cost-effective pack containing all the above items which can be purchased for £9.30 via our Scopay system and picked up from the Main Reception. If you have any questions about our online payment system, please email:

BackhouseD@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Additionally, we request that Senior Section pupils bring in:

- Face covering – plus spares;
- water bottle;
- reading book (for children in Years 7 and 8).

Medication

If your child needs to take any medication during the school day OR you wish to give us permission for them to use a school inhaler due to Asthma. Then please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=17eMxmGmGkarCHowINbkEaHjIq47r0VGrz2BEQDkaAhUQ0pZVjYxT0o3OURaNzJBR0xUQ004NjFQMi4u>

If you have any questions about how we manage medication or support children with underlying health issues or immunisations, please contact Mrs. Sally Rowntree, Health and Welfare Officer on:

healthandwelfare@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Job Opportunities

Please be aware we have the following job opportunities. See our website for details:

Assistant Headteacher
Year Leaders for EYFS, KS1 or KS2
Teacher of Technology (Food or Product Design)
Behaviour Support Assistants

Head of Seniors (Miss Louise Hillier)

Well done to all the Senior pupils who have come back to school and worked so hard since Lockdown restrictions allowed us to fully reopen. It has been such a pleasure to see everyone and for things to seem to be returning to normal.

I am sure you all saw on Social Media this week the pupils who have just completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. A huge well done to those pupils and a thank you to all the staff who have supported them in their adventures.



We experienced a hot day this week which was a timely reminder to pupils to bring a water bottle to school every day. There are water fountains in all the eating areas which the children can use during break and lunchtime to fill up their bottles. Could you please help your child get a bottle securely packed into their school bag ready for our return- thank you in advance for your support with this.

Over the Easter break we are all looking forward to enjoying the slightly more relaxed rules regarding lockdown. Please do encourage your child to safely enjoy some fresh air over the holidays as well as keeping their minds active with some reading!

Could I please remind you that footwear should be black polishable school shoes, Nike High Top trainers are not allowed for school.

I trust you all have a very pleasant break and we look forward to welcoming Years 7 and 8 back at 8:10am, and Years 9, 10 and 11 at 8:40am on Monday 19th April.

Head of Primary (Mrs Fiona Rogers)



It has been wonderful to end the term on a real positive with all pupils in Primary returning to school full time and lots of amazing work happening across the whole of the Primary phase. Some samples of our amazing corridor displays can be found below:



We hope you have enjoyed sharing our celebration assemblies with us at the end of each week. We look forward to receiving some photos to add to our Mayfield Superhero pages after the Easter holidays.

As we look forward to the warmer weather that the summer term will hopefully bring us, please can I remind parents again that summer uniform (which is completely optional) can be worn after the Easter holidays until October half term. Pupils can choose to wear a Mayfield summer dress or black Mayfield shorts. Both of these items must be purchased from our Pre-Loved shop, Penelope Anne or Skoolkit. Pupils who arrive in incorrect uniform will be leant uniform to change into temporarily. Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain our high standards of uniform.

During the summer term we will be setting Prep homework and so please do keep your eye out for this. We are hopeful that, Covid restrictions permitting, during this term we will be able to start hosting our Prep reward teas once again.

During the Easter holidays it is important that pupils continue to read regularly. Class teachers really enjoy hearing about the books children have been reading at home so please do persist with this.

In the summer term we are hoping to run our usual half termly reward event for pupils. A reminder that all pupils are given the opportunity to celebrate their successes and so excellent behaviour gives children the chance to participate in some lovely activities.

Today children will be taking home their PE kits. Please ensure that these are returned on the first day back as the expectation is that all pupils participate in their curriculum PE lessons.

Finally, thank you to those who are adhering to our one-way systems that have been put in place since March 8th to try to avoid congestion at pick-up times as far as is possible. Please do not be offended if you attempt to leave via the "in" gate and are turned away. A reminder to parents/carers that face coverings must be worn in the playground in order to help keep all of the school community safe. Please note also that dogs should be brought onto the school site and that pupils who wish to leave their bikes/scooters on the school site must wear a helmet.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful Easter and look forward to seeing all of the children back on Monday 19th April.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

The topic after the half term will be Spring -we will be looking at planting and growth. We will explore different types of seeds by using a magnifier glass and will be discussing their observations and group the seeds by size, and colour and any other characteristics they might find. To support our topic would anyone be able to donate a variety of seeds or compost thank you in advance.

Learning Intentions:

- Talk about differences;
- Sort seeds by shape, size, and colour;
- Record their findings.

Letter sound for the week in class will be 'W'.

Finally, if you need to contact the school over the Easter break you need to get in touch via email at sunbeams@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Happy Easter, see you back at school on 19th April.

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Free Easter Activities Mayfield School

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This Easter we have teamed up with Portsmouth City Council and the HAF programme to offer free childcare and hot lunches during the school holidays.

To qualify, you must be eligible for free school meals (FSM) and have placed your booking at least 1 day in advance.

The aim of our course is for children to have a great time and make friends in a safe, structured but fun environment. Girls and boys from school years 1 to year 6 are welcome. Due to the current climate we have condensed our normal programme into one club of adapted activities.

Activity Club Content

Our Activity childcare club will still be based around fun multisport games and team building challenges. However, to ensure a safe operation we have planned adaptations to each session and any equipment we use.

The Activity club can include a choice of:

- Football •Uni Hoc •Softball •Nerf Games •Go-Karts
- Basketball •Dodgeball •Badminton •Tennis •RC Cars
- Frisbee •Arts and Crafts •Benchball •Lego

Times

For safety reasons we have fixed the time of our holiday club from 8:30am to 4:00pm. No early and late drop off option.

Ways to book

1. Online @ cm-sports.co.uk (please follow the FSM scheme link)
2. Phone our friendly office on 02392 987 881

Please book online cm-sports.co.uk/fsm where possible as our office phone will be operating with minimal staff during this time.

Places have been consciously limited and are secured on a first come first served basis.

What do I need to bring?

We have fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities to best equip for the British weather, however please ensure that children bring with them suitable clothing and plenty to drink. We will serve a two course hot lunch for all FSM children.

Who will look after my child?

Our coaches make it their mission for your child to have the best time whilst they are with us. They are enthusiastic, professional in their approach and have a passion for teaching.

Our coaches are:

- Qualified in Paediatric First Aid • FA and multiskills qualified
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Coronavirus update

As a childcare provider, we understand the importance of keeping all children, staff and families who visit our sites safe.

Our courses have been modified in line with government guidance.

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- ADAPTED ACTIVITY PROGRAMME
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- RISK ASSESSMENTS
- CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION AND CONTROL TRAINING

All clubs are Covid compliant (at the time of the course)

We will issue a full refund if a change in the government rules subsequently cancels the course. Our booking system will cap bookings once the safe daily participation limit has been reached.



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Easter Holiday Activities for Years 3 - 6

Pompey in the Community's Premier League Kicks team are hosting a 3-day Easter Holiday course in partnership with Mayfield School. Premier League Kicks is a programme solely funded by the Premier League which enables us to provide FREE sessions across Portsmouth. These include: Football, Street Dance, Boxing, E-Sports and many more. ***This holiday programme is open to all pupils in Years 3 to 6.***

Pompey in the Community have partnered up with Mayfield School to deliver a FREE 3-day holiday course during the Easter Holidays. On the 6th, 7th & 8th of April we will be on site at Mayfield from 9.30 till 2.30pm each day. Each day will consist of many different multi-sport games, fun tournaments and some fun interactive workshops on a select few activities.

Spaces will be available on a first come first served basis. Each day, every participant will receive a FREE packed lunch from Pompey in the Community along with drinks and snack throughout the day.

To sign up to this fantastic opportunity please use the link to the Google form where you will be able to sign up. As stated previously, spaces will be given on a first come first served basis, however we are open to increasing the number should the demand be there. You will be emailed with confirmation of attendance along with all the necessary details for the 3-day course. You will receive confirmation by Friday 26th March.

Kind regards

Pompey in the Community Premier League Kicks team.

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Performance Club Content

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However, to ensure a safe operation we have planned adaptations to each session and any equipment we use.

The Performance club can include learning new performance skills and repertoire from various plays and musical productions. Participants will enjoy singing, dancing and acting, together with team games and competitions.

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