

## HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

For once, a relatively short update for you!

I am pleased to confirm that, from 8<sup>th</sup> March, we have had no reported positive cases of 'covid' where the source of transmission was likely to have been within school. Whilst this is reassuring, I would urge all members of our community to keep focussing on the basics:

- Hands – wash them frequently;
- Face – wear a face covering when required;
- Space – maintain a social distance whenever possible.

## Home Testing Arrangements

We have had an excellent response from the school community to the Home Testing. Thank you for your continued support with this important initiative that helps to keep us all safe. If your child is struggling to take a LFT at home, then we have the capacity to run them in school. Please email, Mrs. Erika Anders if you would like to discuss this:

[AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

The DfE has confirmed that pupils are expected to keep up their routine test pattern over the Easter holidays. All pupils need to take a test on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April before they return after the holidays. Pupils will be issued with a new testing pack next week to take them through the Easter holiday period.

Parents/carers need to upload their children's test results to the NHS Test and Trace website using the instructions in the pack **and** also inform the school as we are required to keep our own register for these tests - even if the test is negative or void. Parents/carers can do this in one of three ways:

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

By email to [CovidTesting@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto: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**, then please also ring the school immediately on 02392 693432 or, outside of school hours, email Mr. Matt Stedman, Director of Business Operations, on:

[stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

We are required to keep our normal track and trace procedures going for the six days of the Easter holidays. If we have any positive cases reported up until 7<sup>th</sup> April, it is likely that they will have been infectious in school for the final days of term and therefore we will need to advise all children who are 'close contacts' to self-isolate.

## Self-isolation payments for parents

From this week, some eligible parents will now be able to claim a £500 Track and Trace Support Payment if their children are required to self-isolate following a case in school. Further details of this scheme can be found here:

[Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

### **Mobile Phones**

I would like to remind parents, carers and pupils that the use of a mobile phone whilst on the school site is prohibited. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call:

02392693432 Ext 225

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 by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **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 will receive £30 of vouchers per eligible child in order to buy food over the holiday period. These vouchers are being processed by the School Office and will be sent to the email address that we hold on our SIMS system next week.

The vouchers will be delivered to your inbox via the same Edenred portal that was used to distribute the free school meals vouchers during the school closures earlier this year. Parents who opted for paper vouchers in the previous scheme will receive paper vouchers through the post again. Please note that this scheme is open only to families who qualify for free school meals through their household income. Pupils who receive the universal infant free school meals in Year R, 1 and 2 are not included in this scheme. Please email:

[General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

if you have any queries or questions about this scheme.

Please note that next week the Mayfield Messenger will be published on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and then on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – unless there is an important update we need to share from the Government.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April that is open to all pupils in Years 3 –6;
- CM Sports are offering a Holiday Activity programme based around sports, healthy eating and performing arts every day from 6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 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;

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 are in need of 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:healthandwelfare@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

### **Job Opportunities**

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

Deputy Head of School (Primary)  
Clerk to the Governing Body  
Caretaker  
Library Assistant

### **Head of Seniors (Miss Louise Hillier)**

Another week has flown by! The pupils are now fully back in the rhythms and routines of school life which is excellent. Year 11 are working well and applying themselves diligently to their work. It is so important that all children are in every day- but Year 11 especially so as staff collect the information needed to secure grades for them.

Years 7 and 8 have Prep projects due in before Easter- if your child is in one of these year groups, please ask them to pass their work to their subject teachers as soon as possible.

After Easter our year 9 pupils will begin their final options process ready for year 10. The pupils will spend the first week back after Easter in tutor talking about options. There will be a careers session to help pupils with their choices. The pupils will then be told how the process works and what options are available. All the assemblies will be available on the school website each day – please do have a look and discuss these with your child. The options forms will be handed to pupils after the final assembly and must be returned to tutors by 6 May.

There will be a parents' evening on Thursday 22 April for you to discuss the options with each of your child's teachers. Bookings for this will open next week.

For information year 8 pupils will not be completing any options. The Options process will no longer take place in two stages, instead it will occur only in Year 9. At this time pupils will make the decision about which options subjects they would like to study during Years 10 and 11.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs Head [head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

As I alluded to last week one or two pupils are forgetting our expectations- in particular this week I want to mention head phones and AirPods. Pupils are NOT allowed to use this in school at all. If pupils use them to listen to music on the way to school they should be removed at the gate, safely stored in their school bag and not taken out again until the journey home. Thank you for your support in reminding your young person of this.

### **Head of Primary (Mrs Fiona Rogers)**

This week the year 4 corridors have been full of the sounds of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in such a fabulous book and a real pleasure to read some of the scripts that have been created using this as a hook.

In year R we have been excited to see that four of our duck eggs have hatched and we are very excited to have met our new ducklings. Year 1 have been focusing on their writing by re-telling the story of Anansi whilst our budding reporters in year 2 have been writing some fantastic news reports.

Our assembly this week was focused on resilience and we have certainly seen this in abundance over the past few weeks in particular. We are so very proud of the ability of pupils to adapt and thrive in what has been such a challenging time.

Thank you to all of those who have remembered to bring in their PE kit. Years 4, 5 and 6 in particular have enjoyed their curriculum PE lessons, especially table tennis and dance. Please remember that it is the expectation that all year 4, 5 and 6 pupils stay for the curriculum PE lessons. If your child is not able to take part, you will need to email Miss. Lewis on [lewisj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:lewisj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) in the first instance. It is important that all pupils are warm enough for their PE lessons and so may need to wear layers underneath their kit or a Mayfield tracksuit top.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May year 5 will have their Harry Potter “hook” day. This is a great opportunity for pupils to be immersed in the story of Harry Potter and so we are inviting pupils to dress as their favourite characters from the series of books. More information will follow nearer to the time.

After Easter, pupils can wear their summer uniform to school. This is **completely optional** and if worn, must be a Mayfield summer dress or Mayfield shorts with the Mayfield M. Our Pre-Loved shop is very well stocked and so please do visit after school if you need to purchase either pre-loved or cost price uniform.

It has been good to see the improved behaviour before school in the mornings. Thank you also to those who are complying with our expectations of scooter and cycle helmets. Pupils cannot bring these onto the school site if they do not have a helmet with them. We appreciate your support with this. A reminder that the gates close at 8.45am to enable pupils to start their skills drills promptly.

Finally, after Easter we will be on the hunt for “Playground Pals”. These pupils will be working with others to encourage team games and fun playtime activities. If your child would be interested in finding out more information before Easter, please ask them to see Mrs. Rogers. Information will be shared with pupils during their assemblies in the summer term.

### **Head of Pre-school and Nursery**

This week in class we will discuss all the interesting facts that we discovered about Dinosaurs and some of the new vocabulary that was linked to topic such as, Palaeontologist, Excavation, Herbivore, Carnivore and Extinct. To end our topic the children will create their own fossil to take home.

Parents’ evening will take place after the half term -you will be allocated a day and time to speak with your child's teacher.

Letter sound in class is 'V'. Please work with your children to create a collage relating to the letter of the week, these are used to promote language skills.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support with the snack provision.



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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Kind regards

Pompey in the Community Premier League Kicks team.

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# Free Easter Performance Club 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 7 and above are welcome.

### Performance Club Content

Our Performance childcare club will still be based around fun and team building challenges.

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.

### 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](http://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](http://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.

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- CHILDREN GROUPED IN SOCIAL BUBBLES
- STRINGENT HAND WASHING ROUTINES
- SOCIALLY DISTANCED DROP OFF POINTS
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- RISK ASSESSMENTS
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All clubs are Covid compliant (at the time of the course)

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### 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

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