

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

You will be aware that the DfE has now shared their plans for the full reopening of schools. Primary Section pupils will return on Monday 8th March at the normal times. However, the Government has asked that Senior Section pupils only return **once they have taken a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) and the result is negative.**

I am pleased to share with you that, to date, over 750 families within our Senior Section have already completed the registration process for LFT. If you have not yet done this, then please do so urgently and before 4:00pm on 5th March using the following form:

<https://forms.gle/4vze98MHnMDYnSCBA>

Taking a LFT is optional. However, we **strongly** urge all parents, carers and pupils to take one since this will give a level of reassurance to other pupils, their families and our staff. If you do not wish your child to participate in the LFT process, you will still need to complete the above form, and answer 'no' to the question 'do you give permission for your child to take a LFT?'. Further information regarding the LFT can be found [here](#). If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns you have about the test, please contact Mrs. Helen Patis, SIMS Manager, on:

Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

LFTs are only approved for use by children over the age of 11. Therefore, the vast majority of Primary children are not able to take part in this programme. However, as an All-through School, we are able to offer Year 6 pupils who have had their 11th birthday the opportunity to take part. Further details on how Year 6 can access this programme will be sent out via the SIMS App next week.

Once the above form has been submitted, then pupils in Years 7 to 11 should follow the staggered timetable below to undertake their LFT and start face to face teaching:

Years 10 and 11

Pupils should arrive no earlier than the times below in full school uniform with all essential equipment. We will prioritise Year 10 and 11 according to the following timetable:

Date and Time for LFT for Year 10 and 11	
Monday 8 th March	
8.45am	Discovery 9 Mrs Clarke
9.10am	Discovery 10 Mr Gardner
9.35am	Victory 9 Mr Randell
9.55am	Victory 10 Mrs Gale
10.20am	Intrepid 9 Miss Lawes
10.40am	Intrepid 10 Miss Burnett
11.00am	Endeavour 9 Mr Royle
11.20am	Endeavour 10 Miss Taylor
12.00pm	Discovery 7 Mr Ralls
12.20pm	Discovery 8 Mrs Rogers
12.40pm	Victory 7 Mrs Drudge
1.00pm	Victory 8 Mr Batchelor
1.20pm	Intrepid 7 Miss Bradshaw

1.40pm	Intrepid 8 Mr Jackson
2.00pm	Endeavour 7 Miss Reilly
2.30pm	Endeavour 8 Mr Norton

Pupils should enter the building via the Main Reception at their allocated testing time and staff will be on hand to welcome them and explain the process. The testing process takes around 45 minutes and pupils should leave the school site immediately after they have taken their test and return home without delay.

Years 10 and 11 pupils who return a negative test result will start their face-to-face lessons following their normal timetable from Tuesday 9th March.

In the event of a positive test result, we will contact parents or carers and the pupil should begin an immediate period of self-isolation – further support will be offered in this case.

Years 8 and 9

Pupils should arrive no earlier than the times below in full school uniform with all essential equipment. We will invite Year 8 and 9 according to the following timetable:

Date and Time for LFT for Year 8 and 9	
Tuesday 9 th March	
8.45am	Discovery 5 Miss Blest
9.10am	Discovery 6 Miss Barnes
9.35am	Victory 5 Miss Painter
9.55am	Victory 6 Mr Browning
10.20am	Intrepid 5 Mr Currier
10.40am	Intrepid 6 Miss Sinclair
11.00am	Endeavour 5 Mrs Hughes
11.20am	Endeavour 6 Mrs Childs
12.00pm	Discovery 3 Miss Rich
12.20pm	Discovery 4 Mrs Fairley
12.40pm	Victory 3 Miss Habgood
1.00pm	Victory 4 Mrs Howard/Westbury
1.20pm	Intrepid 3 Mr Rafferty-Croft
1.40pm	Intrepid 4 Miss Mason
2.00pm	Endeavour 3 Mrs Shaw
2.30pm	Endeavour 4 Miss Franklin

Pupils should enter the building via the Main Reception at their allocated testing time and staff will be on hand to welcome them and explain the process. The testing process takes around 45 minutes and pupils should leave the school site immediately after they have taken their test and return home without delay.

Years 8 and 9 pupils who return a negative test result will start their face-to-face lessons following their normal timetable from Wednesday 10th March.

In the event of a positive test result, we will contact parents or carers and the pupil should begin an immediate period of self-isolation – further support will be offered in this case.

Years 7

Pupils should arrive no earlier than the times below in full school uniform with all essential equipment. We will invite Year 7 according to the following timetable:

Date and Time for LFT for Year 7	
Wednesday 10 th March	
8.45am	Discovery 1 Mr Macey
9.10am	Discovery 2 Mrs Stedman
9.35am	Victory 1 Miss Abrahams
9.55am	Victory 2 Mr Richardson
10.20am	Intrepid 1 Mr Mullin
10.40am	Intrepid 2 Mrs Manns
11.00am	Endeavour 1 Miss Reynell
11.20am	Endeavour 2 Miss Astles

Pupils should enter the building via the Main Reception at their allocated testing time and staff will be on hand to welcome them and explain the process. The testing process takes around 45 minutes. We will supervise children on site until such time their test result is available.

Years 7 pupils who return a negative test result will start their face-to-face lessons following their normal timetable immediately.

In the event of a positive test result, we will contact parents or carers and the pupil will be sent home to begin an immediate period of self-isolation – further support will be offered in this case.

Keeping your child safe

Please rest assured that we have reviewed and further developed our internal protection processes in line with the latest Government Guidance. A copy of our risk assessment can be found [here](#).

Please note that during the LFT process outlined above, pupils will be required to observe stringent social distancing and use a face covering at all time. Hand sanitation facilities will be available.

If you believe your child would benefit from having a LFT outside of the above schedule, then please contact Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCo on:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Face Coverings

The Government has updated their guidance around Face Coverings for pupils in our Senior Section. Therefore, until further notice, we require all senior section pupils to wear a face covering when:

- they arrive to and leave the school site;
- inside the building and moving around the school in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained;
- in classrooms or during activities unless social distancing can be maintained.

The above does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE, Dance or Drama lessons.

Children in our Primary Section should not wear a face covering.

We recognise that some pupils will not be able to wear a face mask for a variety of reasons. In these cases, we ask that parents and carers alert Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCo on:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

She will discuss your child's particular circumstances and issue an 'exemption card' which pupils should show to staff on request. If your child has already been issued with an exemption, then they do not need to re-apply.

Please note that in cases where any pupil refuses to wear a face covering, without good reason or exemption, then sanctions will be applied, and alternative educational provision could be made for them.

Uniform and dress code

With the imminent return to school, we ask that parents and carers take some time to check your child's uniform and accessories are all in order. We know that the consistent application of a uniform policy best supports children and helps them prepare and adjust for school – this has never been more true. Equally, we appreciate these are exceptional times and therefore if you are facing particularly challenging financial circumstances, Mrs. Erika Anders is available to provide discrete and confidential help. In the first instance, please drop her an email using the address above.

Please note that the 'Friends of Mayfield' operate a pre-loved uniform shop selling inexpensive, clean, good quality items of uniform. As part of your 'daily exercise,' please feel free to drop into our Main Reception between 8:00am and 3:00pm to see what is available or indeed drop off any donations!

Equipment

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;**
- **Face covering plus spares;**
- **Water bottle;**
- **Reading book (Year 7 and 8 only).**

In order to support families, we have produced a cost-effective pack containing all the items in bold 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.portsmouths.ch.uk

Key Worker School

Key Worker School will terminate on Friday 5th March at 3pm.

Remote learning and laptops

Remote learning will terminate in its current form on:

Friday 5th March for children in Years R to 6 with a return to school on Monday 8th March
Monday 8th March for pupils in Years 10 and 11 with a return to school on Tuesday 9th March
Tuesday 9th March for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 with a return to school on Wednesday 10th March

In cases where children are asked to self-isolate due to a positive LFT or similar, or as part of our 'track and trace' process, then we will continue to offer remote learning opportunities where work will be available on the school's website for pupils to complete, if they are well enough.

If your child has been issued with a school laptop, or other equipment, **then we ask that parents return this to the school's Main Reception by 31st March including any power cables, cases, or accessories.** Please note, all laptops will be wiped of personal data and reissued as required.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Primary

Our extra-curricular provision will restart on Monday 8th March for children within our Primary Section. However, in line with Government Guidance, these will operate differently until further notice. Clubs will:

- where possible, be based around 'class bubbles';
- focus on developing reading, writing, speaking and motor skills.

We are very sorry that we have had to limit the range of activities offered, and hope that our normal extensive provision will be up and running very soon. Please note that all parents and carers will need to rebook as we have had to wipe the original bookings. To book your child into an extra-curricular club, then please use the online booking system which opens at 6:00pm on:

Monday 1st March for Year R
Tuesday 2nd March for Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 3rd March for Years 3 and 4
Thursday 4th March for Years 5 and 6

The booking system closes for all year groups on Friday 5th March at 9:00am

Extended School Day – Year 4, 5 and 6

In order to begin to address some of the lost learning due to lockdowns, we intend to roll out our programme of extending the school day from Monday 8th March. We will be running curriculum PE lessons for Year 4, 5 and 6 every week between 3:30pm and 4:30pm:

Monday – Year 6
Wednesday – Year 5
Thursday – Year 4

Please ensure that all children have their PE kit with them. Children in these year groups will not be able to book into extra curricular clubs on these days.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Seniors

Extra-Curricular clubs for seniors will begin after Easter.

Breakfast Club

Our usual Breakfast Club will restart from Monday 8th March for Primary Section children. It runs from 7:45am to 8:45am and children are offered a choice of fruit, cereal, toast and jam or brioche. Each session costs £4.50 and is bookable via Scopay.

Teatime Club

The Teatime Club provides a place for children to do their homework, play games or unwind after school. The club runs between 3:30pm and 6:00pm and children are offered a light tea such as sandwiches, yoghurts, and fruit. There are two options:

- Early Teatime Club runs from 3:30pm and costs £9 per session;
- Late Teatime Club runs from 4:30pm and costs £8 per session.

Children attending the Late Teatime Club are walked there by staff after their extra-curricular club has finished. Teatime Clubs finish at 6:00pm and are bookable via Scopay.

INSET Days 2020 – 2021

I can confirm that the remaining INSET days will now take place on Wednesday 21st July, Thursday 22nd July, and Friday 23rd July. This means that the last day for pupils to attend school during the Summer Term will be Tuesday 20th July. Staff will use this time to decant from the current building to our new school, ready for a September opening.

Senior Section Catering Accounts

The accounts for Senior Section catering have moved over to the Scopay system and Senior section parents should now top up their children's lunch accounts through Scopay. This is the same system that is used for Primary lunches and payments for school trips, uniform and equipment across the school. Any balances that parents had in Parentpay before Christmas should now have been transferred to your child's Scopay account. Parentpay is no longer used at Mayfield.

Free School Meals

The DfE Free School Meals voucher scheme closes at the end of next week. On Monday 1st March, eligible families will be sent a voucher based on the attendance to school in w/b 22nd February. The vouchers for attendance to school in w/b 1st March will be processed on Friday 5th March.

If your vouchers have not arrived, then please alert Mr. Matt Stedman, on:

StedmanM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Please do check your 'junk' box and consider downloading the SIMS Parent App – this is the main means of communicating directly with parents and carers. For support with SIMS Parent App, email Mrs. Helen Patis, on:

Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Children eligible for a free school meal who attend an onsite provision will get this daily.

Feedback on remote learning w/c 22 February

Please see here a selection of the lovely comments that parents, carers and pupils have shared with us around our onsite and remote provisions. Thank you for taking the time to write, we really appreciate this!

- *I would like to send a big thank you to all the teachers who have been outstanding in supporting the children during this difficult time. Special thanks to Mrs Fairley for her enthusiasm, robust energy in ensuring every child is included and the extra effort she has shown 'R' with his maths. Also, Mrs Stedman for her continuous support, empathy and kindness and her wonderfully approachable manner.*
- *My partner is at home when I'm working and he tells me 'L' gets on with his lessons fine. On the days I work from home, 'L' needs no prompting to log on in the mornings, is engaging well in all his lessons and says he's happy with the workload.*

I think it's safe to say we're all relieved to hear the pupils are to return to school on 8th March.

Can I just say that the remote online provision your teachers have provided during lockdown has been exceptional. 'L' has particularly enjoyed the lessons with Miss Rich, Mrs Stedman, Mr Randall and Miss Blest.

Now, more than ever, we appreciate everything the teachers and support staff do to support our young, but school is where they need to be; it's not just about the learning, they've missed out on all the aspects of school life.

Finally, a big thank you to Miss Rich for keeping in touch with 'L' each week and making sure he's ok. We look forward to hearing more about the 'options' process in the coming weeks.

Our staff find the feedback really motivating. If you would like to share more feedback, then please do send this to:

General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Rewarding pupils during this period of remote learning

We will continue to share celebration assemblies for primary pupils via the SIMS parent app. We will also be posting home certificates which will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before being sent home.

This week we will also begin emailing senior pupils directly to share rewards and parents via the SIMS Parent App. Pupils will also be able to earn achievement points throughout the period of remote

learning. Please contact Mrs Helen Patis patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk if you have not yet been able to log onto your SIMS Parent App.

Instrumental Music Lessons

We are looking to gauge interest in our instrumental music lessons for the next academic year. If your child will be starting in year's 3 to 8 in September 2021 and would like them to have instrumental music lessons, please could you complete the google form by clicking on the link below by 3.00pm on Friday 5th March. Please note, only complete one form per child.

<https://forms.gle/ea5WLC78DyRq4cKz9>

Head of Seniors (Miss Louise Hillier)

With the end of this remote learning period now in sight it is important that pupils make sure they attend all their online lessons before the return so there is a smooth segue between remote learning and face-to-face teaching. I know all the staff are very much looking forward to seeing the pupils again.

Can I please reiterate that the Senior pupils must wear a face mask from the moment they arrive through the gate until they leave. This is a change from the situation we were in September to December. Other than when they are actually eating or drinking – which is only allowed during break or lunchtime in designated areas- pupils and staff will wear a face covering to try to keep our School as Covid-safe as possible for everybody.

I know you will be getting uniform and equipment ready for the return to school of your children. One thing I would like to draw your attention to is the need for each child to bring their own water bottle to school- we will not be issuing cups as we want to minimise traffic to points where traditionally children gathered to get cups from. Thank you for your support with this.

Please do remember that if you have any questions or concerns about remote learning or the return to school, or just want to say thank you for something, the House teams are available on the email addresses below:

Discovery@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Victory@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Intrepid@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Endeavour@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Head of Primary (Mrs Fiona Rogers)

I hope that you all managed to have a restful half term and that the children are excited to return to school on Monday 8th March.

In order to be prepared for the return to school, please can you ensure that all pupils have the correct uniform, including PE kit and school shoes, ready for Monday 8th March. Everything that is brought into school should be clearly named so that it can be returned to pupils if lost. If you have lost items of uniform and believe them to be in the school building, please email general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk stating clearly the items that you are looking for.

We understand that a number of pupils have been spending a lot of time with siblings and parents/carers over this challenging period and may have been reliant on them during the prolonged period of on-line learning. It is very important that pupils are able to become independent in their learning once again. Next week would be a great time to encourage pupils to take risks and try things without the help of others around them.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

Welcome back after the half term.

our new topic in class will be 'Dinosaurs'. We will use the school library to discover information, looking at the different varieties of dinosaurs, their characteristics and eating habits.

Learning intentions linked to class subject:

- Classify and sort dinosaurs by size and eating habits,
- Working together to create a Dinosaur Skeleton for class display.
- Letter sound for the week 'R'. We use your children's collage work to promote letter sounds at circle time.

On our word wall we have added 'of' and 'the'.

Just a quick reminder, can you clearly label your children's uniform and all items of clothing to prevent these from going home with the wrong children. Also, I would like to remind you that we are a nut free setting. Please do not put any items into your children's packed lunch that may contain nuts or traces of nuts.