

## **Mayfield Messenger – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**

I hope you and your families are well and are coping with our new ways of working and living. As promised, this is the third “Mayfield Messenger” following the partial school closure. I would like to start by sharing the contact details of key staff who are happy to offer any support or guidance you may need:

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| Years R, 1 and 2 | Head of Infants (Mrs. Jo Buck) <a href="mailto:BuckJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">BuckJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>                 |
| Years 3, 4 and 5 | Head of Juniors (Miss. Jen Lewis) <a href="mailto:LewisJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">LewisJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>            |
| Discovery House  | Head of Discovery (Miss. Jo Webb) <a href="mailto:Webb@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">Webb@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>                |
| Intrepid House   | Head of Intrepid (Miss. Jess Jones) <a href="mailto:Jonesj1@mayfield.portmouthsch.uk">Jonesj1@mayfield.portmouthsch.uk</a>            |
| Victory House    | Head of Victory (Mr. Phil Denford) <a href="mailto:DenfordP@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">DenfordP@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>       |
| Endeavour House  | Head of Endeavour (Mr. James Campbell) <a href="mailto:CampbellJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">CampbellJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a> |

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April we will be changing how home learning is set and updating our website weekly with new work packs for each year group. We will also offer some guidance as to the amount of time we think pupils should be spending on their home learning, as well as ideas about exercise and other non-curriculum activities. These packs will be released every Monday morning - please keep an eye on the school’s Facebook page and website for alerts as to when these tasks “go live”.

Please note that these packs have been designed so that you do not have to print them. However, we will assume that you have access to the internet through a laptop, tablet or mobile phone to access tasks and age appropriate online learning sites. If this is not the case for you, then please contact Mrs Buck (infant section), Miss Lewis (junior section) or your child’s Head of House (senior section) using the email addresses above.

We are assuming that the partial school closure will now stretch into the Summer 1 half term. Following feedback from parents, and to ensure that children are spending the least amount of time outside of the family home, we have changed the way we will be running the 'Key Worker School @ Mayfield.' Therefore, from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, children of “Key Workers” and those who are “vulnerable” will be able to sign up on a daily basis using the [online booking system](#). The day will be split into 5 sessions as follows:

07:45 to 08:45 Breakfast Club  
08:45 to 13:00\* Session 1  
08:45 to 15:00\* Session 2  
08:45 to 16:30\*\*Session 3  
16:30 to 18:00 Tea Time Club (Primary aged “Key Worker” children only and chargeable)

\*A free (to pupils and staff) hot lunch is served between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.

\*\*This session is run by “Pompey in the Community” and involves outdoor sports

Parents and carers can book in for as many full or part days as are needed and will be able to pick their child up at the end of session 1, 2 or 3. Pupils will still be expected to wear their full school uniform and bring a PE kit if they are taking part in Session 3. If you have any questions about this provision, then please email us on [kws@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:kws@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

You will be aware that following feedback from parents, we have decided not to continue to distribute food hampers and will instead offer families a shopping voucher. Information about how you can sign up for a shopping voucher can be found on our Facebook page. Alternatively, please email Mr. Matt Stedman on [StedmanM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:StedmanM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) if you require any support.

We are mindful that several families’ financial circumstances will have changed due to the current pandemic and that they may now be eligible for ‘free school meal’ support. If you believe your circumstances have changed then please complete an application form on the Portsmouth City Council website by following this link: <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/schools-learning-and-childcare/schools/school-meals>

If you need help accessing this link, or have any questions about this. Please email our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs. Erika Anders on [AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

As you can imagine, many children and families who were already vulnerable will face even greater pressures and challenges during this pandemic. Moreover, some families that were previously coping are finding themselves now struggling - financially, emotionally and with practical every day issues. As a school we have developed a contact system to enable a 'watchful eye' on our vulnerable children and families - both those we know already, plus families that we are aware are 'made vulnerable' by the pandemic. Should you become worried about a child or family who may be vulnerable, or if you have a safeguarding concern, please pass any information to Mrs. Erika Anders on the email address above.

I am pleased to confirm that Mayfield has played it's part in providing Personal Protective Equipment to the NHS. Last week, our Science Team sent boxes of goggles, aprons and gloves to QA Hospital in order to support the nationwide call out for PPE.

You will be aware that OfQUAL have now released guidance around how GCSE grades will be awarded this summer. Whilst we await clarification on how the EYFS profile, Phonics Testing and KS1 SATs will be administered we can confirm that for Year 11 (GCSE only):

- Teachers will be asked to use their professional judgement to produce a grade for each pupil they teach;
- Within each grade, teachers will be asked to numerically rank the pupils within that grade;
- Judgements will be based on a wide range of sources including mock grades, coursework, classwork, homework and the progress the child has made to date;
- The school will ensure an internal moderation process is undertaken;
- No further work needs to be set or collected in to support a teacher's judgement;
- Individual grades or the rank within these grades **cannot** be shared with pupils or their families.

If you have any questions about how we are managing external assessment, then please do contact Mrs. Gayle Head on [Head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

I would like to finish by wishing you and your family a peaceful and restful Easter Break. I sincerely hope to see you all in the very near future. Stay home. Be safe.