

Dear all,

Welcome to the fifth “Mayfield Messenger” since the partial school closure was announced.

I appreciate that parents and carers may well be confused about who to contact if you have a question, concern or wish to pay us a compliment. So please find below some essential contact information:

Home Learning, general concerns and compliments:

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

Safeguarding concerns or questions about supporting SEN/vulnerable pupils:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Accessing shopping vouchers for children eligible for “Free School Meals”:

StedmanM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Questions or concerns around external assessments including GCSE results:

Head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Accessing or questions about key worker school:

kws@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Anything else:

Hollis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

You will be aware that this week you or your child were contacted by either their class teacher (primary) or tutor seniors. If your child has not had contact from us please do check your “junk” box before alerting Mrs. Buck (infants), Miss. Lewis (Juniors) or your child’s Head of House using the email address above.

Equally, parents and carers eligible for a shopping voucher should now have these. Please be aware that the school applies for these on your behalf, however, the vouchers are issued by the Department for Education’s provider “Eden Red”. We are aware that the system has been under considerable pressure, if you have not had your entitlement, please email Mr. Stedman using the email address above.

We are mindful that several families' financial circumstances will have changed due to the current pandemic and that they may now be eligible for a shopping voucher. 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>

I would like to end this Messenger by expressing my deep gratitude to the support that parents and carers are giving their children as they work through the home learning packs. We do appreciate that many of you will be juggling home working and running a home. To then ask you to supervise home learning is a big ask – so “thank you” for all you have done and are doing! At the end of this message I have pasted some of the kind emails that pupils, parents and carers have sent us, we really appreciate these.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your wider family good health and urge you to please contact us if you need any type of support. These are challenging times, but together, we will get through this.

Yours sincerely,

David Jeapes

Headteacher

Messages from pupils, parents and carers:

Discovery House:

Thank you for the lovely emails, I cannot put into words how much that means to me. Me and my family are ok, we're having fun doing some crafts and baking.

You will be pleased to hear I've been doing 3+ hours of school work a day and you'll be even more pleased to hear we've been thinking of you and doing lots of technology lessons. We've done lots of baking even though its failed most of the time! I've also been recycling my old clothes and turning them into tops and skirts etc and I've been doing lots of crafts!! however i don't think dyeing your hair pink counts as art?

Both have been getting on with their work packs and are doing really well - thank you 😊

Endeavour House:

Just wanted to check in and let you know how I'm getting on! I'm bored out of my mind and haven't left the house in ages, I'm also missing your tutor sessions and school if I'm being honest. I hope you're looking after yourself and that your family are safe as well as yourself! Hopefully this is all over soon cause I am missing you and school.

I'm ok thank you, hope you and your family are keeping well and staying safe. While in lockdown I've been playing lots of board games with my family and been playing with my baby niece and doing some baking, anything to entertain us really. we also have decided to make a time capsule and bury it in our garden.

I am fine thanks and eating is a good way not to get bored

Victory House:

Just wanted to say that the documents you sent over was very helpful and thank you for taking the time to put it together.

We are all good here, S has been doing his school bits this week without me having to constantly moan at him so life is good in our house at the moment. It's brilliant having the tasks set for him so we all know what needs to be done each day. Take care and thank you so much for being an important key worker and being there if S needs you.

Intrepid House:

I have been doing some home learning, but also been helping out around the house as my dad is still working as a keyworker and my mum has to do some work from home, we have been enjoying the garden and growing vegetables and flowers, hope you are ok?

Everything with me is fine I have done most of my work, such as English, Maths, History and Spanish it has been keeping me busy. I can access everything well and it is very good.

I am well and I have been getting on with my work. I have been doing a lot of activities and also have got new rabbits that have been keeping me busy!

I'm doing fine and quarantine at my house isn't too bad. I've been out a few times to walk my dog and been on plenty of runs but other than that I've been at home. Since being at home I've actually accomplished quite a few things which I wouldn't have done not having all this free time and practised on my hobby more!

Juniors:

Feedback from us is the new packs are so much better in the new format, gives more of a challenge to ours.

I'm doing fine how are you? I would love to send you a picture. I have been doing lots of baking, colouring, crafts and making slime. Can you do something for me please? Can you tell the class that they need to stay safe. I do miss you and my friends very much

I have been making play dough with my mum and practising my maths. Me and my mum have also been really busy with our handwriting. I really enjoyed my mum teaching me and how she would lend a hand if I was stuck on a question.

Infants:

Thank you for your email J loved me reading it out to him and he asked if he can come back to school now as it's been too long.

Thank you very much for the email. G will be so happy when I read this to her in the morning she's missing school so much.

Thank you so much for the weekly pack, A loves it and it's so much easier for us to do at home.