

Welcome to the fourteenth edition of the Mayfield Messenger since lockdown.

This week we welcomed back Year 2 and 3. Once again, the children have settled extremely quickly into their new routines. Staff members have gone out of their way to share with me how well the children are doing and how adaptable they have been – it has also been noted what amazing home learning our parents and carers have been doing with them! Next week we welcome back Year 4 from Monday 29th June. This is a significant point since it means all year groups in our Primary Section are now operating. I would like to extend my thanks to parents and carers for being patient with our phased reopening of the Primary Section.

In terms of “online teaching sessions”, staff have reported that these are going well other than with some initial technical ‘glitches’. Some pupils have taken the time to send us some feedback:

“I liked the interactive test of what we have learned after the lesson” Y10 Business Studies

“Thank you so much!” Y10 Core lessons

“I feel the lessons will be essential for our learning in this day and age.” Y10 Core lessons

“That is all the questions that I needed help with. Thank you so much for your help, these online chats are very useful and so is the new maths home learning work”

“Thanks for the help 🙌”

It does mean a lot to us when we get nice messages like this – thank you!

From next week we will be offering “face to face” sessions for Years 7, 8 and 9 building upon the successful model that Year 10 have established. In addition to these lessons, we will also be offering weekly online sessions. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be emailed with full details of the arrangements for both the face to face and online session. Please do discuss these with your child. We have set up dedicated email addresses for any questions you might have around these:

Year 7: Year7f2f@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Year 8: Year8f2f@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Year 9: Year9f2f@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

(If you have children in multiple year groups it is sufficient to email only once.)

You may be aware that the guidance around social distancing is changing. At this time, please do remind your child that if they are coming onto the school site, they will always be expected to wash their hands first thing and that they should continue to follow the golden rules of hygiene:

- maintain social distancing;
- regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with hot water and soap;
- avoid touching your face;
- use a tissue if you sneeze and “bin it” straight away before washing your hands.

Please note that we continue to restrict items from home onto the school site, including:

- bags;
- bikes;
- toys;
- packed lunches.

Children in the Primary Section will be given dedicated stationary packs and pupils in the Senior Section “face to face” provisions should bring in a pen and pencil – they must not share equipment.

In terms of other updates:

Staff Changes

Last week we said farewell to Jackie Westbury and Vicky Emery. I would like to thank them for their work at Mayfield. Joining us, we have:

- Eleanor Leslie KS2 Teacher
- Tonicea – Leigh Bennett KS2 Teacher
- Laura Scribbins KS2 Teacher and Intervention Teacher
- Madeline Macey KS1 Teacher
- Ella Marshall KS2 Teacher

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to them all.

Primary Classes

I would like to reassure all of our families that during this period of lockdown our staff have been preparing diligently for September 2020. I am delighted to confirm the staffing structure for our Primary Section:

Head of Infants (Mrs. Jo Buck) email buckj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class	Teacher
Seahorse	Miss Jessica Percival
Jellyfish (M, T, W)	Mrs Laura Moore
Jellyfish (W, T, F)	Miss Aisha Beech
Octopus	Mrs Melanie Guy
Turtle	Miss Madeline Macey
Dolphin	Mrs Emma Hall
Seal	Miss Sophie Hatton

Head of Juniors (Miss. Jen Lewis) email LewisJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Class	Teacher
Nile	Miss Kirsty Williams
Amazon	Miss Eleanor Leslie
Ganges	Miss Peyton Turner
Yangtze	Miss Ella Marshall
Mississippi	Miss Morgon Campbell
Danube	Mrs Christina Pountain
Aegean	Miss Rebecca Large
Caspian	Miss Gigi Hanick
Caribbean	Miss Tonicea-Leigh Bennett
Pacific	Mr James Newsam
Atlantic	Mr Pete Head

Summer School

We are currently recruiting staff members to run our Summer School provision. We await final guidance from the Government around maximum group sizes and any other protective measures we need to put into place. We hope to open bookings for this by Friday 10th July at the very latest.

Primary Library Books

Before lockdown, the children were sent home with lots of reading books from the library. If your child is coming into bubble school/KWS, can they please bring the books back with them. If your child is not accessing provision in school, could you please bring books back to the main reception area. There will be boxes available for you to drop the books off easily.

Prom 2020

From the Year 11 survey we have had 60 confirmed responses. We will now liaise with local venues to find a suitable option and potential dates. Please be aware that given the likely restrictions around running these types of event, the venue may well require payment in full before accepting our booking. We have provisionally set aside Friday 20th November for this event and hope to confirm final arrangements in September.

Transition 2020

If you have a child joining Mayfield in Year R, 3 or 7 you should have received your transition pack by now and have completed the pupil information form. For those families that have now completed this, we will be sending the following information via the email address provided:

Year R – class teacher;

Year 3 – class teacher and House;

Year 7 – Your child's Tutor and House.

If you are having any difficulties accessing the pupil information form or need any other type of support, please email:

Transition2020@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

In addition to the above, we have made a short welcome video which can be accessed using the link in the email.

Should you wish to talk to a member of staff about the transition then you can contact the following staff:

Year R – Mrs Buck (Head of Infants) buckj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Year 3 – Miss Lewis (Head of Juniors) lewisj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Year 7 and SEN – Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCo, on anderse@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Catch – Up

I am very pleased to confirm that our staff have undertaken some focussed work around “catch up” for all pupils in Years R to 11 from September 2020. Our approach can be summarised as follows:

- Provision of a Summer School for selected pupils in our Primary Section;
- Opening of additional SEN provisions including dedicated SEN teaching staff;
- Additional ELSA time for pupils across the school to support their mental health;
- Delivery of ‘one to one’ tuition sessions for identified pupils;
- Daily ‘catch up clubs’ running from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for identified Primary Section pupils;
- Daily ‘Period 6’ sessions for identified Senior Section pupils.

As ever, 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 letter by thanking you for your ongoing support for the school and sincerely hope you and your wider family are in good health.

Yours sincerely,

David Jeapes
Headteacher