

Mayfield Messenger

Welcome to our first Mayfield Messenger since school closure. We will continue to publish this every Friday.

I hope you and your families are well and are coping with our new ways of working and living. My most important message to you is to ask you to keep safe and follow the Government's guidelines. If you are concerned about the welfare of **any** member of our community, please alert Mrs. Erika Anders, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) on AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

You will be aware that a lot of effort was expended last week in setting up the "Key Worker School @ Mayfield". I am very grateful to all who worked tirelessly to ensure we were ready for our first cohort of children on Monday morning. This has been a challenge, since the initial list of "critical workers" covered an enormous spectrum of the school's population. Consequently, we initially asked "key workers" to sign up for a two week block. We can now relax this rule, since the number of children accessing this provision is manageable. Consequently, if you are eligible for this provision and only wish to access it for specific days, **then once you have enrolled**, simply turn up as required. Please note however, this is for full days only and we cannot accommodate late starts or early finishes.

In spite of the above, please remember that the key Government message to us all is to "stay at home" and that our "Key Worker School @ Mayfield" and "Easter School @ Mayfield" remain only for those children where there is NO alternative. If you have a specific questions about our onsite provision, please email kws@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

We have been working closely with Caterlink, our food supplier, we have now made arrangements for 400 food hampers to be distributed between Monday 6th April and Thursday 9th April. Essentially, there are three options for families....collect, donate or get your hamper delivered. More information about this can be found on our website/Facebook page. As you can imagine, we have very limited capacity to delivery these hampers and we will be relying on the goodwill of staff, volunteers and Governors.

I have received lots of positive feedback from parents, grateful for the work that has been posted on the school's website by our staff. After the Easter break, we will be launching a new system to support home learning. Some key principles around this are:

- Every Monday (starting 20th April) we will publish a "plan on a page" for each Year Group outlining the weeks tasks;
- Pupils should be able to complete home learning tasks without the need of a printer (ie no printed worksheets);
- Our website will be our key means of sharing home learning tasks;
- We will assume that the vast majority of pupils will have some access to the Internet (and therefore websites/media/online worksheets can be linked to and viewed);
- Staff will not be required to facilitate 'online lessons' through the use of social media or online meeting software;
- We will utilise online learning platforms as much as possible.

I am sure you will join me in thanking all who made the Year 11 “farewell assembly” such a success. It was a truly unique and powerful event. At this stage we are not certain of the details around how Year 11 will be awarded their GCSE grades. However, we understand that prior attainment, school performance and teacher assessment will be used. A bespoke letter to Year 11 can be found [here](#).

In the spirit of embracing new ways of working, we have moved the Year 9 into 10 option. Please see our Facebook page [here](#) for more information about this. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Anita Cleary, Assistant Headteacher on ClearyA@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Finally, thank you for all your messages of thanks and support. This has been a difficult time for everyone and these kind messages have kept our morale high. By the same token, we would like to thank our community for heeding the Government’s guidance around “staying home”. We very much look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

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