

## **Welcome to the fifteenth edition of the Mayfield Messenger since lockdown.**

I am delighted to confirm that we have now reopened every year group at Mayfield and can offer every pupil some on site provision. I can also report that our staff have been extremely impressed with the focus of the children and their adaptability. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their patience as we have undertaken this phased reopening – but it was vital we established safe routines with all pupils and staff.

You will be aware that the Government have now produced some guidance around how schools should open fully and operate from September 2020. The key highlights are:

- All pupils will be expected to return on a full-time basis, including those who are currently shielding, from September 2020;
- The Golden Rules of hygiene remain front and centre in our battle against this dreadful virus;
- Children will continue to be taught in ‘bubbles’, albeit these will be much, much bigger – potentially up to 200 pupils;

In the coming weeks I will be working with the staffing body to develop our protocols around this, including some FAQs for parents and pupils. I can confirm that our intention is to be fully open in September and detailed plans will be shared with our community by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, at the very latest.

Please note, as previously announced, we have pre-planned INSET days running on:  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

On these days, the school is closed to all pupils. Staff will use this time to begin our decant into the new building.

### **End of term arrangements and staff farewells**

The last day for the delivery of onsite provisions are as follows:

Year R, 3 and 5 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 1, 2 and 4 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Key Worker and SEN School Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

The school is closed on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to all pupils including key worker children.

I am conscious that some parents and pupils may wish to send staff members a small token of their appreciation for their work. In order to manage this process in a 'covid friendly' fashion, we would ask that if you wish to send any staff member a gift or card then please:

- Bring this to the Main Reception before 3:00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July;
- Ensure your gift or card is clearly labelled with the intended recipient's name.

All items will be held centrally, and in quarantine, for 72 hours before being presented to individual staff. Equally, in these difficult financial times, simple messages of support are very warmly welcomed. If you would like to send a message to any staff member, please send these to:

[General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

Clearly stating the member of staff's name in the 'subject line'. These will then be forwarded as they are received.

In terms of other updates:

### **Summer School 2020**

Summer School will run between Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Initially, we will target Primary Section pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium support or who are classed as vulnerable. The Booking System for these groups opens today (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July) at 9.00am and closes on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00am. If any spaces remain the Booking System will be re-opened for all other Primary children from 9.00am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Uniform**

I thought it timely to remind parents and carers about some matters relating to our uniform:

***Ties Year R into 1***- pupils moving from Year R into Year 1 must purchase a House coloured tie either from our school supplier, Skoolkit or via our online payment system, ScoPay. Ties purchased on ScoPay should be collected from the Main Reception. Please note that House ties are available in either an elasticated or clip on version. Please ensure that you choose your preferred option when you order.

***Ties Year 10 into 11*** - pupils moving from Year 10 into Year 11 must purchase a House coloured Year 11 tie ready for September either from our school supplier, Skoolkit or via our online payment system, ScoPay. Ties purchased on ScoPay should be collected from the Main Reception.

**PE Kit** - Please be aware that from September 2020, all pupils must be wearing our "new" PE kit which consists of the following compulsory item only available from our school uniform suppliers (Skoolkit and Penelope Anne):

- black and House coloured Mayfield PE top.

The following compulsory items which can be purchased from any retailer:

- black shorts/jogging bottoms (Years R to 6);
- black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings (Years 7 to 11);
- black PE socks (optional from Year 3 upwards).

In addition to this, pupils may choose to wear the following optional items only available from our school uniform suppliers:

- black Mayfield "skort" (optional from Year 3 upwards);
- House coloured Mayfield tracksuit top (optional from Year 1 upwards).

**Pre-loved uniform** - we would welcome any donations of pre-loved uniform in a good condition especially the "new" version of PE tops and the Year R and Year 10 ties of pupils moving into Year 1 or Year 11. If possible, please remove name labels before donating uniform and leave at reception in a bag marked clearly for Friends of Mayfield. If you wish to purchase pre-loved uniform please come to the Main Reception after 3:00pm on a Tuesday or a Thursday.

A link to uniform requirements can be found here <https://mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/about-us/our-school>

### **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.

### **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](mailto:Transition2020@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

In addition to the above, we have made a short welcome video that 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](mailto:buckj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

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

Year 7 and SEN – Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCo, on [anderse@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto: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 and intervention 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.

### **Free School Meals Update**

The next voucher for free school meals will be sent out on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The voucher is worth £30 for each eligible child to cover the weeks beginning 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July. The government have recently announced that this scheme is going to be extended to cover the summer holidays. The vouchers for the summer holidays will be worth £90 per eligible child and will be sent out on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Current Year 11 pupils have also been included in this scheme.

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>

## **HPV Catch-up Vaccinations for Year 8**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July we will be hosting an HPV Vaccination catch-up session in school. If your child is due to have the catch-up you should have received a text message about booking an appointment for your child to receive it in school on this day.

If on the day your child has a:

high temperature;  
new continuous cough;  
change or loss to their sense of smell or taste,

then please follow the government guidelines.

If anyone in the household develops similar symptoms between booking and the appointment please inform the school via phone and do not attend the appointment.

On the day, please could your child arrive 5 minutes before their allocated time at the Infant gate on Mayfield Road keeping 2 metres distance at all times. A member of staff will ask if the child or anyone in the household has displayed the above symptoms -anyone who answers yes will be sent back home. Hand sanitiser will be applied and then they will be shown where to go for their vaccination. The pupil will sit on a chair two metres from the nurse while the consent form is checked, and they will approach your child to vaccinate and then return to their station.

The Immunisation team will be wearing PPE. However, there is no requirement for your child to wear PPE during the vaccination. Your child will then be asked to sit in another area for 15 minutes before leaving via the exit gate by the bike sheds on Mayfield Road. Hand sanitiser will be applied again before they exit. Could we please ask parent/carers who are waiting for their child's return to observe social distancing at all times.

If your child is only coming in to school for their vaccination, then there is no need for them to wear the school's uniform.

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