

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Mayfield Messenger since lockdown!

I am delighted to report that our “wider reopening” to Year R and 1 pupils has been very successful. You will be aware that we have opened a “Bubble School” to support the Government's wish for Primary Schools to take in more pupils. We are so grateful to all of the positive feedback we have received, and in particular can share with you some of the lovely comments made:

It was lovely to see you briefly this morning and drop off. I just wanted to take a minute to say thank you to you and all the rest of the staff for making the transition to bubble school so easy. A came home with a bounce in her step yesterday and loved being back at school. I was really apprehensive about whether it would be the right thing to do or not, but we can't praise the school enough for everything they've done over the last few months. It must be a logistical nightmare, but we're so pleased with the way things have been handled, and most importantly A is happy, so I just wanted to say a big thank you to you, and everyone else that had helped.

Just dropping you a line to say that S has had a wonderful day. She came home from school really excited and couldn't wait to tell me all about her day. She was extremely happy that she was in your group too.

Just wanted to say. R had a lovely day and all my worries went when he came out. He came home and give me the biggest cuddle told me all about his day and can't wait to come back tomorrow

As mentioned in the FAQs, parents will need to sign up in blocks of time for onsite provisions to ensure we can match our numbers and staffing. The remaining blocks for this term are:

Block 6 from Monday 15th June to Friday 26th June;
Block 7 from Monday 29th June to Friday 10th July;
Block 8 from Monday 13th July to Tuesday 21st July.

As a reminder, the opening and closing date and time for signing up for each block is as follows:

Block 6: Opens at 9:00am Sunday 7th June and closes 6:00pm on Wednesday 10th June;
Block 7: Opens at 9:00am Sunday 21st June and closes 6:00pm on Wednesday 24th June;
Block 8: Opens at 9:00am Sunday 5th July and closes 6:00pm on Wednesday 8th July.

As ever, if you have any questions about “Bubble School”, then please email us on:
bubble@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

In terms of Year 10, our plan, from Monday 15th June, is to offer a carousel of English, Mathematics and Science. Pupils have been placed in 15 bubbles of up to 15 pupils. Each bubble has an allocated classroom and staff. We will run three “bubble classes” per day. Sessions will run from 9:15am until 11:30am. The pupils will remain in their classroom and teachers will rotate. Pupils will leave site at 11:30am. We are looking to include a follow up online session for year 10 pupils as well. To support this, we will share some guidance to pupils and parents around the etiquette of “online teaching sessions”.

We will email all Year 10 pupils and text parents next week (from 8th June) with the information around days and times. Included in the text will be a link to a form asking for details on keyworker status. We would be grateful if all year 10 parents could complete this for us even if your child is not attending Key Worker School. If you have any questions about the Year 10 provision, please email:

Year10f2f@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Next week we will be posting out information around our transitions plans for families with children joining us in Year R, 3 and 7. We have set up a dedicated email address to manage this process:

Transition2020@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

If you have any questions about the process around joining our school, or do not receive your personalised pack by Wednesday 10th June, then please alert us using the email address above.

In order to minimise disruption to families, we have taken the decision to postpone our planned INSET day of the 19th June until 22nd July. This is the last day of the Summer Term and school will be closed to all pupils whilst staff undergo essential training.

House and Jellyhorse videos

You may remember that in response to the “We’re all in this together” staff video, we organised for each House Group to produce their own video as well as one for children in our Reception Classes. I am pleased to confirm that these will be released on Social Media on the follow dates:

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| Monday 8 th June | JellyHorse (for children in Year R) |
| Tuesday 9 th June | Discovery House |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Intrepid House |
| Thursday 11 th June | Victory House |
| Friday 12 th June | Endeavour House |

We would like you to show your support by “liking” the videos. The clip with the most “likes” will be awarded 325 house points (one for each child)!

Mayfield School is introducing the SIMs Parent app to allow all parents and carers to have live, up to date information about your child's: timetable, attendance, achievement points, behaviour points, reports and other messages from us including the calendar. To sign up, we need to send an invitation to an up to date email address. In order to ensure our records are correct, please complete the Google form:

<https://forms.gle/uzngn6AGStvMfBD5A>

Please note: parents of children in Years 8 and 9 ONLY will already have provided their email by using SIMs Options Online. Only complete this form if your email has changed recently.

By consenting to provide Mayfield School with your email address we will store this on our internal database to allow us to contact you more effectively. We will not share this information with any other bodies (unless it is a statutory responsibility to do so). For more information about GDPR, please see our website.

Please complete this form by Friday 12th June. Following this, we will send you a link and some training material. If you have any questions, please email our SIMS manager Mrs. Helen Patis on Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

The next round of free school meal vouchers are due to be emailed or posted out at the start of next week. Again, this will be a £30 voucher for each eligible child covering the period Monday 8th June through to Friday 15th June. If you have any questions about this then please email our Office Manager, Mrs. Steph Manns on Manns@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

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