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Whilst it seems odd in the current climate, I would like to wish all members of our community a 'Happy New Year'. I hope that you and your wider family are in good health.

It has been an eventful few days, and therefore this issue of the Mayfield Messenger is a little longer than usual.

Key Worker School

You will be aware that the Government have instigated a National Lockdown and that, by law, we should "stay home. Stay safe. Protect the NHS". School remains open for the children of 'critical workers'. Please be aware that the demand for space in 'key worker school' (KWS) has been exceptionally high and we ask that **even if you are eligible, you consider carefully if you need to access this provision and use KWS as a last, rather than a first, resort.** By reducing the numbers, we help stop the spread and minimise risk to staff. You can check to see if you are eligible by using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Once you have established that you do qualify for this support, and you have no alternative, then please send your child in only for those days that are necessary – children in KWS follow the same timetable and curriculum as their classmates at home.

To discuss securing a place in 'Key Worker School' (KWS), please email:

Kws@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Be aware that we will seek proof of your entitlement to this provision by asking for evidence such as an ID badge, payslip, contract or letter of employment.

Importantly, you should not send your child into school until you have an email confirming that we have allocated a space to them.

SEN School

We also remain open to support children considered 'vulnerable' as per the above guidance. We have now contacted all the pupils who this applies to and invited them in. If you have any questions about this provision, then please contact Mrs. Erika Anders, on:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Expectations for onsite provision

We have further developed our risk assessment in light of the latest guidance. It is essential that if your child is showing symptoms of COVID 19 then they do not come into school. When in school, pupils will be required to take the usual protective measures depending on their age.

Please be aware that if your child is attending KWS or SEN school then they will be following the same timetable and curriculum as those learning from home. Our expectations of uniform and equipment remain the same and we require all pupils to wear their full school uniform and observe all our normal dress and behaviour rules. Please note that if a pupil's behaviour falls short of our standards and they consistently breach our risk assessment, we reserve the right to withdraw their place and offer an alternative provision instead.

School Opening Hours

Note that we will be operating modified hours during the period of lockdown:

Main Reception is open between 8:00am and 3:30pm.

In line with Government Guidance, we discourage visitors on to the school site and ask that you use the following means of communication whenever possible:

Email (General)	:	General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Telephone (Main Reception)	:	02392 693 432
To report a pupil absent	:	02392 693 432 ext 271
To report a pupil absent	:	0790867645
To report a pupil absent	:	attendance@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

After School Clubs and Lettings

All after school clubs and community lettings have been cancelled throughout the period of National Lockdown. For questions about hiring our facilities in the future or to discuss a cancelled let, please email Mrs. Steph Manns, on:

Manns@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Wrap around care

We continue to offer breakfast and teatime clubs for Primary Section children only. These can be booked via the school's Scopay system and run as follows:

Breakfast Club	7:45am to 8:45am	£4.50 including food
Tea-time Club	3:00pm to 6:00pm	£9:00 including food

For questions about our online payment system, Scopay please email Mr. Danny Backhouse, on:

BackhouseD@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Exams

Recently the DfE have confirmed that all GCSE exams in year 11 as well as Key Stage 1 and 2 assessments for Summer 2021 have now been cancelled. We understand that pupils will receive a teacher 'centre assessed grade'. We do not yet have the details about how this will work and will, of course, keep you updated with reference to the process once guidance has been published. We would

be grateful if you would reassure all pupils that they should continue to engage with their on-site or remote learning since this will prepare them for the next step in their journey.

Remote Learning

You will be aware that the Government have now placed a duty on schools to provide 'high quality remote learning' in the case where a school is partially open. To ensure that all pupils make good progress, we have decided that children accessing our KWS provision and SEN school will follow the same timetable and curriculum as those learning from home. Our approach to online teaching is to provide children with a mix of 'live' teaching and pre-recorded sessions. We have produced some guidance for parents, carers and pupils which can be found on our website:

<https://mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/communications-from-us> (scroll to information for parents)

If you have any questions about our remote learning offer or wish to provide some feedback, then please email Mr. Andy Tite, on: Tite@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

We also have some laptops which have been provided to the school by the Government. If you would like to discuss the loan of a laptop, then please email Mrs. Erika Anders, on:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Equally, if you have a spare laptop you wish to donate to a child, then please contact Mrs. Anders on the email address above.

In addition, the Microsoft Teams App is available on Android and IOS. This can be downloaded and run through a phone on Wi-Fi allowing connection to the meeting, viewing of shared materials and also participation in the text chat.

As part of our safeguarding procedures. All Senior Section tutors will be contacting their tutees at least fortnightly for a "1 to 1" tutor session. If you would like more frequent contact, please email your child's House Team:

Discovery@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Victory@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Intrepid@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Endeavour@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Stationery

We are happy to provide the following items of stationery free of charge:

- Exercise books – lined, square or plain
- Glue sticks
- Pens and pencils

If you would like to take advantage of this, please come into the Main Reception as part of your permitted 'daily exercise' and pick up some of the above. Please note that we will only issue one of each item to each adult. If you are unable to leave the house, then email our 'general' account and we will arrange for these items to be posted home.

Free School Meals

We will be sending out a weekly Tesco voucher to provide free school meals for eligible children who are not in school. The vouchers for the week beginning 4th January will be sent out on 11th January, worth £3 for each day that your child was studying at home. This scheme only applies to families who qualify for free school meals based on their family income. The universal infant free school meals are not covered by this scheme.

If you have any queries about free school meals, then please email Mr. Matt Stedman, on:
Stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Feedback on remote learning

I am very grateful to those of you that have taken the time to give us some very positive feedback around our remote learning offer. Some of the comments received to date are:

'Thank you for the quick reply and the amazing lengths you are going to keep education going despite all the confusion.' Received by a parent who borrowed a laptop

Message from Mrs T, E and E's mum asked me to pass on her sincere thanks and appreciation for all the support offered by Mayfield School. She feels we have been amazing during the Pandemic.

A is just getting on with it all, ... She has said that Mr Jackson has a really good approach to the online learning, and she is enjoying his lessons.

Thank you for taking the time to call O. I appreciate it as I know how busy you all are. He's much happier now.

If you would like to share feedback, then please do send this to:
General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Lateral Flow Testing

We are delighted to report that our rapid testing facility is now open. The purpose of this resource is to test pupils (in Years 7 to 11) and staff that are NOT showing symptoms. If your child is showing symptoms, then they MUST NOT come into school. It is essential that all pupils within our Senior Section complete a registration and consent form – even if you do not want your child to take a test. Please complete the e-form below to give (or withhold) consent as soon as possible:

<https://forms.gle/4vze98MHnMDYnSCBA>

Please note that if your child is identified as a 'close contact' and you do not wish them to take part in the daily testing, then they will need to self-isolate as per Government guidance. We will be offering pupils within our Senior Section who are attending KWS weekly testing

Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)

Theme of the week: Careers MOLIMA
Week beginning 8th January is a Week B

Well done to all the pupils who logged on over this week and engaged so well with the online sessions. We have been looking at the attendance data so will be trying to make sure that we say big “Well Dones” to all the pupils who are fully taking part and engaging with their teachers. We know that the next few weeks are going to be difficult ones- the routine of logging on each day and working will help to focus pupils, and keeping brains active is very important.

As well as keeping our brains active it is also important to keep our bodies fit and healthy too. We know we are limited to one session of exercise outside a day and the weather isn’t very conducive to wanting to be outside either. Mr Reid is launching a fitness challenge video each week which the children can follow and feel part of our whole school Mayfield community. The video can be found on Facebook and Instagram! Please encourage your child to take part and to let Mr Reid know how they have got on! They can contact him on reid@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk. Any photos would be great but please note they may be used on Social Media.

We have very few Senior pupils on site which is absolutely in line with the Government guidance. We know that they wouldn’t have shut schools if we weren’t in a very difficult position as a country. I appreciate it is often tricky having a teenager at home full time but for the sake of protecting your families, the school community and our wider community I am very grateful to all of you who are keeping your children at home.

Please remind your child that we have set up House email addresses:

Discovery@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Victory@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Intrepid@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Endeavour@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

A member of the House team will be monitoring these every day so if your child has any questions, comments, concerns, please ask them to email here. We are also hoping that every child will be contacted by a member of the House team over the next two weeks- probably for a chat over Teams during what would be their normal tutor time- to keep in touch and deal with any issues.

Our Year 7 Parents Evening that was scheduled for 28th January is cancelled due to the current situation. We will reschedule this for later in the School Year and keep you informed about a new date. Please contact the House email address above if you have any questions or concerns about your child at this time.

Head of Primary (Mrs. Fiona Rogers)

This week we have been getting to grips with online learning. In order to support children both inside and outside of school we have tried to keep to school day routines where possible. Please do email your child’s class teacher if you have any concerns during these difficult times. I would encourage parents to email work to the class teacher so that they can share feedback with the children.

Please be assured that as we move through this difficult lockdown period, we will be reviewing remote learning and making adjustments where necessary. In order to help facilitate this, we will be hosting an additional virtual parent's evening for Primary parents so that they have chance to feedback on what is and isn't working for them. The dates for these are as follows:

Year R	Monday 18 th January between 3:30pm and 6:30pm
Year 1	Tuesday 19 th January between 3:30pm and 6:30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 20 th January between 3:30pm and 6:30pm
Year 3	Thursday 21 st January between 3:30pm and 6:30pm
Year 4	Monday 25 th January between 3:30pm and 6:30pm
Year 5	Tuesday 26 th January between 3:30pm and 6:30pm
Year 6	Wednesday 27 th January between 3:30pm and 6:30pm

Please use the online booking system should you wish to make an appointment. The link to this can be found [here](#):

This week we have been lucky enough that our very own Joe Wicks (aka Mr Reid) has launched our new active challenge. Every Monday Mr Reid will be releasing a video for pupils via our social media platforms to help them improve their activity levels. Please send any photos of the children taking part to reid@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk. We will celebrate the children's achievements through our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Until the school is fully open again, we will not be issuing Star of the Week certificates. Instead, teachers will select "Home Learning Stars" and for those in school, staff will select "Key Worker School Stars". These names will be shared on the celebration along with birthdays for the week.

Please note that it is quite chilly at the moment, so pupils are advised to wear warm coats and also layers underneath their uniform. If children are in Key Worker school, they will also need to bring their PE kit with them ready for use each day. Although PE will be inside, it can be chilly in the hall and the sports hall so please wear layers underneath PE kit or a Mayfield Tracksuit top.

Finally, whilst I realise that having children to home-school is very difficult for parents and carers, I would like to thank all of you who have been logging in remotely to the teaching sessions this week. The BBC are launching lots of Primary Learning via CBBC next week (3 hours per day) so please use this if you need to in order to help pupils engage in learning each day. If you have been logging in remotely, please continue to do so and please do contact teachers if you need help with particular tasks. Our formats will be "tweaked" over the coming weeks but please be assured that we are working hard to ensure that all children are safe and engaged with learning.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

Welcome back after the Christmas break and Happy New Year to you all.

As you are now all aware the government has introduced a nationwide lock down with all primary and secondary education being instructed to close, this does not include us the Nursery and Pre-school, we remain open. The protocols the government have asked us to put into place remain the same along with the class bubbles to help prevent the spread of the infection which minimises the risk to your children and my staff. I realise with the infection rate on the rise nationally you might take the decision not to send your child into school and

if you decide to keep them at home let us know and we will organise homework to go out weekly.

The class topic is Winter. We shall be exploring textures, shape, and various materials to achieve their planned effect in their artwork.

As the weather is getting cold, could you send your children to school with their hat and gloves please as we play outside daily.

Letter sound in class is 'L' - please could you create a collage and bring it back into class as we look forward to seeing your children's lovely creations. Homework and reading books will be sent home this week.

Finally, a gentle reminder, could you please clearly label all items of clothing to prevent uniform going home with the wrong child.