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We understand that from time to time, parents and carers may need some additional support from us. We have a number of dedicated staff that are happy to help. Please do not hesitate to contact them for information, help and advice:

For support with:	Email address
Special educational needs including in class support, dyslexia screening and adjustments for examinations;	AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Internal or external examinations;	Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Safeguarding issues at home or in school;	AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Behavioural issues at home or in school;	Sands@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Attendance issues;	Rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Health and well-being including accessing the school's nurse;	Rowntree@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Careers guidance including college applications;	DenfordR@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Applying for Free School Meals;	Hamilton@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Service children and those in receipt of the 'Pupil Premium Grant';	AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Booking a place on an infant extra-curricular club;	BackhouseD@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Making a parents evening appointment for Seniors, Juniors or Infants;	BackhouseD@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Questions about SIMS Parent App	Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Anything else!	John@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Also, if you are worried about your child's progress then please contact their tutor for pupils in our Senior Section or class teacher for pupils in our Primary Section. A full list of emails addresses can be found here:

<https://mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/about-us/meet-the-staff>

We would like to remind all members of our community around our position with respect to face coverings:

- Children in our Primary Section should not wear a face covering – this is in line with Government guidance and our own experience that young children find the safe handling of face coverings extremely difficult;
- Pupils in our Senior Section must wear a face covering when they:
 - Arrive to school;
 - During lesson change overs;
 - When they are walking inside the building to and from break or lunch.

Further details around the use of face coverings in schools can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

To help you plan your time, we have provided a list of key dates for the Autumn 1 half term [Here](#).

*******School closed to all pupils on Thursday 8th October for staff training*******

Head of Senior (Miss. Louise Hillier)

Theme for the week: Taking responsibility for my learning.

The week beginning 28th September is a week B.

Another full week completed and well done to all the pupils who are arriving every day with their full equipment. We do check equipment on the gate every day so when your child is packing their school bag each night please encourage them to have their basic equipment organised somewhere easily accessible so it is quick to get out and show staff.

Even in these difficult times we are still looking at Careers and making sure that our pupils are getting good quality provision.

Firstly, we would like to highlight the Careers Website which is [here](#), where there are lots of useful websites for post 16 destinations and advice and guidance relating to careers and choices for after leaving school.

We are very excited to share with you that we have joined Unifrog which is a single, impartial, user-friendly platform that will help them make the best choices about their future destinations and aspirations. Every pupil will have a login and will therefore have access to all the available information. Please see the letter on our website ([Whole School Posting](#)) for more information. Pupils will be watching a start-up video next week, after which they will be able to access the platform.

The platform is here:

UNifrog - The complete Careers Platform www.unifrog.org

As a parent you can also access the platform to see what your child can use and see using this sign up link form code: MYFPparents (click on sign in then given a form code).

There is a video for parents to watch to gain an overview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KksyeliHOAw&feature=youtu.be>

In addition, Mayfield is working with the **Southern Universities Network (SUN)** to help raise aspirations of our pupils. A statement overview of their mission is on our website [here](#).

If you would like to look at the website it is here: <https://www.sunoutreach.org/> and if you would like to contact them, then the email address is: sun@soton.ac.uk.

If you have any questions regarding careers at Mayfield, then please contact Mrs Denford on denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Years 7 and 8 pupils should be working on their Prep projects. Details of these projects are on our website [here](#). If you have any issues with Prep, please contact your child's teacher if it is about a specific subject or your child's tutor if it is a general issue. Homework club is available as an extra-curricular club for Years 7 and 8 to sign up to.

Thursday 8th October is an INSET day so pupils should not be in school. All pupils are expected in at normal time on Friday 9th October. Please remember that Years 7 and 8 must

arrive in school by 8:10am and Years 9, 10 and 11 should be in school no later than 8:40am. Thank you for your support.

We now have darker mornings so can I please remind you that if you child cycles to school their bike should have lights on them and that it is important that they are in good working order- especially the brakes. Pupils are only allowed to use our bike sheds if they have a cycle helmet.

Head of Primary (Mrs. Fiona Rogers)

It has been another great week in Primary with a fabulous virtual music assembly delivered by Mr Ralls. Please do ask the children about it.

Primary Parents evening

These will be held virtually on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October via the online booking system. Appointments will be allocated in 10minute slots and need to be booked in advance. The appointment system will open at 9am on Monday 28th September and can be found [here](#).

Primary Stepped Behaviour System

Since the start of September, we have been using our stepped behaviour system. The purpose of the system is to ensure that the learning in lessons is not disrupted. It is also designed to be a visual reminder to pupils so that they have the opportunity to correct their behaviour if necessary.

All pupils are reminded at the start of each session of the behaviour expectations within the classroom.

Step 1 - If a pupil fails to behave in an appropriate way, the teacher will issue a warning and will put the pupil name on the board as a reminder to the pupil that they need to correct their behaviour. Whilst this is logged, no behaviour points are accrued for this.

Step 2 - If the poor behaviour continues, the teacher will issue a second warning and place a tick next to their name as a visual reminder. This is logged and a behaviour point issued.

Step 3 - If the pupil needs to be spoken to again, they will be escorted to the Primary Reflection room to continue their learning with a member of the behaviour team. A 15minute social time detention may be put in place and 2 behaviour points accrued.

There may be times when a pupil needs to be escorted to the Reflection Room without having received any warnings. For example, if they choose to walk out of the classroom without permission, or their behaviour is likely cause distress or harm to themselves or others.

If your child receives a step 1, 2 or 3 you will be able to see this on the SIMS parent app. Please do email the teacher for further information if you are unable to speak to them directly at the end of the school day.

Equally, we are very keen to reward children. Staff will issue achievement points for behaviours which support any of our “6Rs” - or where the member of staff feels that work undertaken is of a particularly high quality. At the end of each half term children will be able to access a number of activities which reflect their effort in accruing achievement points.

Finally, with the change in the weather, we strongly recommend that all children come to school with a brightly coloured outdoor coat over their blazer. Please be aware that we actively encourage our pupils to take a proportion of their break outdoors on a daily basis.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

As the weather is now starting to change, could you please send your children into school with their coats. As a class we explore the outdoor environment each day regardless of the weather, this is an important part of your children's learning and development. If your child attends without a coat they miss out on their outside play.

The class topic starting next week is Autumn, we shall be observing and identifying features in the natural world and in the local environment.

Learning intentions linked to class topic:

- Explore natural materials;
- Identify features in the natural world;
- Use different media and texture to create a planned effect;
- Respond to music using their imagination.

Letter sound for the week in Pre-school is 'A'.

Could you create a collage with your children and return to class for Thursday each week we share their creations at circle time to promote speech sounds. Homework will be sent home each week linking to the class theme.

Library books have now gone home could you return them back to school on Monday and they will be sent back home on a Thursday.

Thank you for your contributions towards the children's snack without your support we couldn't offer this provision. Just to remind you we are a Nut Free Setting please check what you put into your children's lunchbox.

Finally, don't forget school will be closed on Thursday 8th October.
Have a lovely weekend.