

Welcome to the sixteenth edition of the Mayfield Messenger.

We reached another milestone this week with over 80% of our pupils now accessing some on site provision complemented with online learning. I am very grateful for the trust that our community have placed in us and for the hard work of our staff in making this a reality.

Following on from the publication of guidance to schools around the full reopening from September 2020, I can confirm that the staff body have undertaken some intensive work to ensure that we are ready to reopen to all pupils in September. Detailed plans will be shared with our community by 28th August 2020 at the very latest. However, I am in a position to share some key decisions already made:

- The Golden Rules of hygiene remain our main response to managing and containing COVID 19;
- Pupils will undertake the vast majority of onsite activities within a 'bubble' including lessons, pastoral care, catch up work and extracurricular clubs;
- 'bubbles' will be formed as follows:

Year R	Year 8
Year 1 and 2	Year 9
Year 3 and 4	Year 10
Year 5 and 6	Year 11
Year 7	Full time SEN/AP

- The exception to the above will be when a pupil requires 'wrap around' care such as breakfast and tea time clubs as well as behaviour, health or welfare support – in these cases, stringent 2m social distancing will always apply;
- Large gatherings such as assemblies, staff meetings and training opportunities will be delivered either virtually, or via sharing digital resources;
- All uniform requirements, such as the school blazer for pupils and jacket for staff will be reinstated;
- Within the Senior Section, tutor groups will operate as house tutors within a 'bubble' e.g. the Year 7 'bubble' will, temporarily, consist of 8 house tutor groups;
- All pupils will undergo training around our new processes on their first day back into school.

Please note, as previously announced, we have pre-planned INSET days running on:

Thursday 3rd September
Friday 4th September
Monday 7th September

On these days, the school is closed to all pupils including key worker children. 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 17th July
Year 1, 2 and 4 Tuesday 21st July
Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Tuesday 21st July

Key Worker and SEN School Tuesday 21st July

The school is closed on Wednesday 22nd July to all pupils including key worker children - this is to deliver essential staff training.

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 17th 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

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

The Primary Summer School is running from 17th to 21st August from 9:00am till 3:00pm daily. Pupils will need to wear full school uniform for this event and lunch is provided each day. The booking system is now open to all Primary children until 9am on Wednesday 15th July. Letters will be sent out next week to confirm that your child has a place and the arrangements for the week.

Essential Equipment

From September 2020 we will require all pupils in our Senior Section to bring in an enhanced equipment pack consisting of:

- Black pen and pencil plus spares;
- Purple pen for feedback;
- Glue stick;
- 30cm Ruler and an eraser;
- CASIO Fx Series calculator.

This equipment should be clearly labelled and held in a named pencil case. Pupils in Year 7 and 8 must also bring in a reading book. We will issue a diary planner to all pupils on their first day, this will also form part of the essential equipment.

Please be aware, staff will be checking that pupils have all of the above with them each morning. By adopting this approach, we can minimise the amount of equipment that needs to be shared and limit the potential spread of infection. Children in our Primary Section will be given named stationary packs which will remain in school.

If any family is facing particular financial difficulties in putting these packs together, then please email Mrs. Erika Anders using the email address below:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Please note that we will be setting up the facility to purchase Senior Section stationary packs, at cost price, via the school's online payment platform, ScoPay. This will go live from 21st August.

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 Lost Property

We have a number of items of lost property in school that need to be collected by the end of term. If you think you have lost an item such as a coat, hat or wellies, please click on this link to view the gallery:

<https://mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/photo-galleries/lost-property>

If you would like to collect an item that belongs to your child, please email:

heywood-shanice@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

with details and to arrange a suitable collection date.

Any items not collected by Tuesday July 21st will be donated to the Friends of Mayfield.

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.

Free School Meals Vouchers for the Summer Holidays

The Department for Education have extended the free school meals voucher system to cover the summer holidays. The vouchers for the summer holidays are worth £90 for each eligible child and these will be issued on Tuesday 14th July, either by email or post.

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