

I hope you and your families are well and are coping with our new ways of working and living. As promised last week, this is the second "Mayfield Messenger" following the school closure. Given these unprecedented times, we will also be publishing this newsletter on April 10th and 17th to ensure you have all of the latest information.

I would like to start by recognising the tremendous efforts that parents and carers are making, particularly in respect to facilitating home learning. We understand how challenging it is to ask you to support your child's learning as well as undertake all your other roles. On behalf of the staff of Mayfield School... "thank you!"

If you find yourself struggling, then please do drop us an email as follows:

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| Years R, 1 and 2 | Head of Infants (Mrs. Jo Buck) BuckJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Years 3, 4 and 5 | Head of Juniors (Miss. Jen Lewis) LewisJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Discovery House | Head of Discovery (Miss. Jo Webb) Webb@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Intrepid House | Head of Intrepid (Miss. Jess Jones) Jonesj1@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Victory House | Head of Victory (Mr. Phil Denford) DenfordP@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |
| Endeavour House | Head of Endeavour (Mr. James Campbell) CampbellJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk |

Additionally, the Heads of House, Head of Infants and Juniors have decided to publish a weekly news roundup aimed at pupils. These can be found at the end of this message and also on our website and social media channels.

From Monday 20th April we will be changing how home learning is set and updating our website weekly with new work packs for each year group, along with some guidance as to the amount of time we think pupils should be spending on their learning, as well as ideas about exercise and other non-curriculum activities that can be done at home. These packs will be released every Monday morning - please keep an eye on the school Facebook and website for these, as well as ideas of extension activities you can use with your children. Please note that the work packs will not require a printer for pupils to complete any work, but will assume that you have access to the internet through a laptop, tablet or mobile phone to access tasks and age appropriate online learning sites. If this is not the case for you, then please contact Mrs Buck (infant section), Miss Lewis (junior section) or your child's Head of House (senior section)

Next week we will be running an Easter School for the children of 'Key Workers' only. To sign up for this, please use the [online booking system](#). In summary:

- The provision is only for the children of key workers who are not working from home;
- The day will run from 8:45am until 4:00pm. There is no breakfast or tea time club running;
- Children should attend in their normal school uniform and bring a PE kit;
- All pupils will work together in the Mississippi classroom in the mornings;
- The afternoons will focus on Sports;
- We are open on both Bank Holidays – but not on the weekend;
- Parents/carers can book individual days;
- The booking system closes 48 hours before a session starts.

We are assuming that the school closure will now stretch into the Summer 1 half term. Following feedback from parents, and to ensure that pupils are spending the least amount of time outside of the family home, we have changed the way we will be running the 'Key Worker School @ Mayfield.' Therefore, from Monday 20th April, children of 'key workers' and those who are "vulnerable" will be able to sign up on a daily basis using the [online booking system](#). The day will be split into 5 sessions as follows:

07:45 to 08:45 Breakfast Club (open to all, booking through the online booking system)
08:45 to 13:00* Session 1 (open to all, booking through the online booking system)
12:00 to 15:00* Session 2 (open to all, booking through the online booking system)
15:00 to 16:30** Session 3 (open to all, booking through the online booking system)
16:30 to 18:00 Tea Time Club (open to Primary only, booking through ScoPay and chargeable)

*A free hot lunch is served between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.

** This session is run by "Pompey in the Community" and will involve outdoor sports.

Parents and carers can book in for as many full or part days as are needed and will be able to pick their child up at the end of a session. Pupils will still be expected to wear their full school uniform and bring a PE kit if they are taking part in Session 3. If you have any questions about this provision, then please email us on kws@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Next week, we will begin to distribute food hampers. Initially, we are supplying these to all children in receipt of a 'free school meal'. However, the latest guidance from the Government has asked us to direct this support only to "low income" families. Therefore, whilst we will honour our commitment to parents to provide a food hamper for:

- All children in Years R, 1 and 2;
- All children in Years 3 from families on low incomes.

Going forward, we will only be providing 'free school meal' support to infant aged children who are from families on a low income. Also, we have decided not to continue to distribute food hampers and will instead offer families a shopping vouchers. More details around this will be shared in the coming week. We are mindful that several families' financial circumstances will have changed due to the current pandemic and that they may now be eligible for 'free school meal' support. 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>

If you need help accessing this link, or, have any questions about this. Please email our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs. Erika Anders on AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

We are still waiting on detailed guidance on how the EYFS profile, Phonics Testing and KS1 SATs will be administered as well as information about how GCSE grades will be awarded. Year 11 have been sent a link (on the school's website – about us – home working) with suggestions of activities to keep focussed. This includes looking after their physical and mental well-being, preparing for college courses as well as continuing their revision activities. This is particularly relevant for English and Mathematics in the case that they choose to re-sit them at college. If you have concerns about how external assessment is going to work this year, please email Mrs. Gayle Head on Head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

As you can imagine, many children and families who were already vulnerable will face even greater pressures and challenges during this pandemic. Moreover, some families that were previously coping are finding themselves now struggling - financially, emotionally and with practical every day issues. As a school we have developed a contact system to enable a 'watchful eye' on our vulnerable children and families - both those we know already, plus families that we are aware are 'made vulnerable' by the pandemic. Should you become worried about a child or family who may be vulnerable, or if you have a safeguarding concern, please pass any information to Mrs. Erika Anders on the email address above.

I would like to finish by wishing you and your family a peaceful and restful Easter Break. I sincerely hope to see you all in the very near future. Stay home. Be safe.