



Weekly News



Mayfield Primary School, Lytham St Annes

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'Valuing Every Achievement'

SCHOOL DOORS OPEN FROM 8.35—8.55 IN THE MORNING.

(Note the return to 8.55 gates closed rather than 9.05)

SCHOOL COLLECTION PROTOCOLS AND TIMES REMAIN THE SAME.

GATES OPEN AT APPROXIMATELY 2.45 (PLEASE DON'T CROWD THE GATE BEFOREHAND.)

EYFS COLLECTION: 2.55 YEAR 1 & 2: 3.00 YEAR 3 & 4: 3.05 YEAR 5 & 6: 3.10

PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK AND STAND IN YOUR COLLECTION BUBBLES. THANK YOU.

MAYFIELD TV SHORT FILMS

'Preparing for a recovery learning journey at Mayfield'

MAYFIELD TV YOUTUBE CHANNEL

NEXT EPISODE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY 12TH MARCH.

THOUGHTS ON OUR LATEST RETURN

So we are four days into our full re-opening and after the usual national media hysteria, I have to say that it has been a calm and organised start here with our carefully made plans for the first 15 days to Easter already taking shape as desired. The children are fabulous and have come back in really good spirits and, just as we saw in September, are ready and raring to go and seem really pleased to have their routines back in place. It has demonstrated once again, as if we needed it, that all of the remote learning pressure from the government, was, as we all know, nothing like a replacement for school. I will re-iterate again that school is a 'live' experience. I have stated this 'live' experience from day one I arrived here and verbalised it on my weekly briefing films and the children have demonstrated immediately how high they can reach when they are here with us.

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of families who have worked with us to get the children back into school and on time each day, including having all the children's 'kit' with them each morning. Attendance is very, very high in all classes. This is a great sign! Covid-19 is here to stay for some time yet. We are just going to have to learn to fight it and live with it. I can see that we are all of the same mind. A fabulous effort all round. Thank you. We are back and want to stay back. Great stuff from our Mayfield families.

My staff have shown their continued professionalism and readiness for the challenge ahead. I monitor everything that moves within school throughout the day and I have seen a real appetite for our next stage. It has been a really wise move to use the closure period to further develop our long term vision for classrooms and the approach to learning - it has meant that rather than coming back slowly or with trepidation, we have a team that are energised and ready to put their new systems into action. I suppose a little like having new toys at Christmas (if you know what I mean). Thank you to my fabulous staff. This includes my admin and site team who do so much in the 'engine room' of school so we swim confidently on the surface.

For my part, my role this week has been in two areas. Firstly, monitoring every aspect of our day. Testing out the impact of our strategies, daily routines, learning methods and monitoring our Covid-19 transmission reduction systems and secondly, leading teaching sessions with our year 5 children as we test and try out new learning methods aimed at developing the pace of learning, the children's ability to refine and polish their work (often the most important but reluctant stage in the learning process) and enhancing their independence and ownership of their classrooms. It has been a really interesting and inspiring week so far. Far from being filled with worries and barriers, I am filled with optimism and energy as we prepare a really exciting chapter for Summer Term 2021.

**NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING OUR NEW
SUMMER TERM 2021 CURRICULUM & OUR BRAND NEW
STUNNING START, THEME DAYS & CELEBRATION EVENTS.
WE THINK THE CHILDREN WILL LOVE THEM.**