



MAYHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are slowly edging closer to the summer holidays. Here is a full and final update of all the key information you will need for a successful start at Mayhill. Unsurprisingly, there have been some changes since we uploaded the presentation and so we have had to make a few changes, please do read this carefully.

A safe return to school for your child

We have produced a FAQ document which hopefully simplifies all the government advice and informs you of how Mayhill will keep your child safe on their return to school. It includes information on travel arrangements, what to bring in on their first day, how lunchtimes will be organised etc and is saved on our website on the [Y2 parent's page](#). It seems a big read, but if you skim to the questions you're least sure on, it might help.

Meet your child's class teacher

Mayhill will be open from 10am – 12pm on Wednesday 2nd September should you and your child wish to come in and take a look around the school. This is your best opportunity to meet your child's class teacher. Leadership and office staff will also be available to answer any questions you might have. Parents will not be allowed in the school building once the term has started so this is a good opportunity to say hello and see their class.

First Day: Monday 7th September

This is where it might get confusing so please read carefully!

On Monday 7th September we know you will want to accompany your child and see them into class. Please bring your child onto the main playground **between 9:00am and 9.10am (and not before** as other year groups will be arriving). Hopefully by now, your child will know who their teacher is and what they look like, so we can check your child has been assigned to the correct class and parents and children can do one farewell together. The Year 3 teachers will then take their respective classes into their classroom. We do not expect Y3 children to social distance on their first morning into Mayhill – only the parents. If they have any work from the transition activities, remember to bring it in. For children not at Buryfields, please make sure you introduce yourself to the staff so we can help support your child that first morning.

On following days, please arrive for 8.45 – 8.55am arrival unless they have a sibling at Mayhill, in which case both of your children should arrive for 8.30am. We hope this will help not having to have two separate drop-off times. There will be staff available on the gates to help guide you and we can answer any questions on Wednesday 2nd September if you're still a bit unsure.



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From Tuesday 8th September onwards:

September	y3	y4	y5	y6
Arrival - Siblings	8.30 – 8.35am Both the top and main playground gates will be opened.			
Arrival	8.45 - 8.55am via main playground gate	8.35 - 08.45 am via main playground gate	8.40 – 8.50 am Top playground and in through hall doors	8.40 – 8.50 am Fire Doors
Pick-up	3.05 Outside Y3 doors on main playground	3.15 Main playground	3.15 Top playground	3.15 Y6 fire doors*

Home learning over the summer

Every family will have a different response to whether they wish their child to do any home learning over the summer. And there is no doubt, it is really important all children return in September rested and raring to go as I think it will be a tiring first week back for everyone in school.

However, if at all possible, we strongly urge you to make sure your child is reading regularly over the summer, independently if they can, as well as to you and with you. There is the Hampshire library [reading challenge](#) if your child wishes to participate, or we have posted up suggested books on our website. Other resources and information have been posted onto your New Y3 parent's webpage.

Class Reps

To help the children socialise over the summer, we thought it might be helpful if there was a way parents of the same class could contact each other. Two very kind parents have accepted the offer to host a class WhatsApp group. If you would like to be added to the list, please can you text the right parent and you will added to the list:

Parents of Miss Sutton's class: Suzannah Wilson - Mother of Grace - 3S - 07932 656516

Parents of Mrs Allen's class: Em Skellern - Mother of Arthur - 3A - 07590 664243

Other reminders

School meals are £2.40 per day. We ask that your child's dinner account has a minimum £12.00 credit per week before they are able to order a meal. Please send any school payments in a clearly labelled envelope with your child who will give it to their class teacher during registration. The school office is cashless so please make payments by cheque or on-line through the SCOPAY website, details of this will be sent out in the first week of term.



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And finally, thank you for all of your support with what has been a far from perfect transition process. For some children and families, returning in September will seem a huge step forward in terms of proximity to others and we know some of you will be anxious thinking about it. We will keep reviewing our risk assessments and do please come and talk to us on the Wednesday 2nd September if this still seems an uncomfortable step to take. I'm confident we can implement all of the recommended measure – and more – so that we can make your child's first day as settled as possible.

We are really excited to get to know them and look forward to welcoming you and your child to Mayhill. Have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely,

Tom May
Headteacher