

Headteacher's Message

I am sorry to start 2021 with school closure and am writing to provide you with an update.

Our number one priority is to keep everyone as safe as possible and continue to educate our children. Currently, we are not adequately staffed to do this with all our pupils on site.

This letter contains important new information about the organisation of home learning.

Emma Kerrigan-Draper
Headteacher

School Closure

Mount Pleasant Junior School will be closed for at least the rest of this week. On Friday 8th January 2021, we will update you on whether it is safe to reopen school the following week.

We are still here to teach, help and support. You can call, email or speak to us when you collect your child's work.

Home Learning

You will need to collect a pack of work for your child from school. This will be organised so that it is safe to do.

There are some changes to how we will provide work, as we have improved our procedures:

- Check Marvellous Me for instructions about learning
- Watch the learning videos on MPJS Youtube
- Use the work in the pack to learn
- Speak to the teacher on the phone
- Send photos of work to the year group email address

Y3 Team	year3@mpjs.org.uk
Y4 Team	year4@mpjs.org.uk
Y5 Team	year5@mpjs.org.uk
Y6 Team	year6@mpjs.org.uk

It is not a choice for children to complete work, so please support them to have a routine and encourage them to work hard.

They should contact their teacher if they need help and to share photos of their work.

Face Coverings

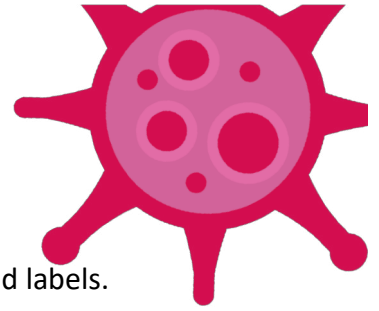
**When you come onto school premises,
please wear a face covering.**



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Please check our school website for updates and links to school work and important information.

SOUTHAMPTON SALIVA TESTING PROGRAMME



We have been given the opportunity to continue the saliva testing programme. When you collect your child's work pack, you will be given a new testing pack and labels.

YOU ONLY NEED 1 LABEL NOW—STICK IT ON THE POT!

We also have the chance to test twice a week throughout January 2021.

The tests will be collected on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please drop off between 08:30 and 09:00 on the front playground. Each year group has a box for collections.

All pupils can test every Tuesday and every Thursday.

Work Pack Collections

Each year group will have a separate time to collect work packs.

Please ensure you:

- Maintain at least 2 metres distancing at all times
- Follow the one-way system
- Speak to staff if you have questions or comments
- Bring your child so that they can see and speak to their teacher and teaching assistant

Please note you:

- Cannot collect work packs for other year groups

Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Tuesday 5th January 11:30	Wednesday 6th January 11:30	Tuesday 5th January 14:30	Wednesday 6th January 14:30

Supporting Pupils in School

Some children may still attend school. We may contact you if we know that time away from school will be extremely challenging for your child.

If you are a critical worker, such as NHS staff, your child can attend school. Please contact us to make arrangements.

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