Hello everyone! Children, parents, carers, families.....hello.

It feels very very strange not seeing you in school every day. The staff and I miss you all very much!

I know these are difficult times. Many of you will know someone who has contracted this disease and heard of or seen the devastating effect it can have on individuals. We all hope that each individual will get through these times, but sadly know that is not the case. Our thoughts are with you all.

However, we should also remember that this time with our family is also very precious. Some families have new-borns and are enjoying the additional time they are able to spend with them. Many of you work long hours, and I know I sometimes struggle to get that work/life balance right...but in this time, the one thing we have all found a little more of is time.........Time to play more with our children, laugh more with our family, dance more, we are talking more to each other, finding creative activities to do together, we are baking more, we appreciate nature on every precious walk of every day, we are making time to enjoy our pets, playing and caring for them and giving them our attention and time and we are all learning new things about each other, We are embracing technology that is helping us to keep in touch with our friends and loved ones. I am sure many of you will have enjoyed the frustrations of helping some elderly relatives set up their technology so that they can keep in touch! Yes...we have all gained time.... COVID-19 will not last forever, so let’s make the best of the time we have with our families.

**Message for the children**

Hello! I hope you are all keeping well and active!

How different our days have become. The teachers and I miss you all very much and look forward to the time when we can all return to school.

I know how difficult it is to remain inside, not see your friends, teachers and wider family. But know that they miss you too and long for the day when we can all get back to school. Where you can play in the smooga or gym, climb on the wooden apparatus, play hopscotch, perform on the stage or play table tennis, netball or basketball!

Thank you so much for all of your rainbows, pictures and the work you are sharing by email with your teacher. Your Teacher really enjoys receiving them...so keep them coming!

I hope you are managing to do the work the teachers are setting every day. It is very important that you continue to do learning every day to keep your mind alert! I know you will be doing some sort of exercise each day – dancing in your bedroom whilst listening to your favourite music, going for a walk, or doing the very energetic Joe Wicks exercise sessions! Being healthy in both body and mind is very important.

As you know COVID-19 is a nasty disease and can make some people very poorly. There is more information about the disease on the website which will help to explain what it is. It is still very very important that you continue to wash your hands regularly, particularly after being outside, or opening your post.

I know that you will be helping your parents and carers around the home and I hope that when they are working, that you too are finding things to do, maybe by working on the Oak Academy, practising your spellings, multiplication tables or reading a book.
Enjoy this time with your family. I hope that soon we will all be back to school.

Your teachers and I are sending you all big virtual hugs!
Mrs Ewart and Hamish!

Parents and carers, I know these are difficult times. Many of you will be working from home and trying to manage this alongside supporting your children with their learning - very tricky to say the least!

I hope that you have found the links, teacher blogs, videos, resources and materials on the school website useful. Trying to retain the “school day” is hard, so we encourage families to be flexible and to fit the learning time around your schedule.

The staff miss the children very much. They are all very busy. Sometimes they are in school to care for key worker children. At other times they are busy reviewing the school curriculum, updating planning, working on the website, responding to emails from the children, uploading blogs and videos. They are working really hard to provide children with appropriate resources to support their learning at home. The newly released Oak Academy materials have been well received and we think it is helpful for the children to be able to watch the videos that give clear instruction and modelling.

Please remember to use the email links on each class page. Your emails go through to the class teachers and they would love to hear from the children, and see some of the work they have been doing at home.

Bruno, the caretaker who is standing in for Mr Lea, who sadly remains on sick-leave (but not with COVID-19), has been sprucing up the school, painting corridors and outdoor benches so the school looks lovely for the children’s return.

For our families eligible for Free School Meals, you should now be receiving the Eden Red vouchers. If you have any difficulties with this please contact the admin email address: admin@mayfield.ealing.sch.uk

Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact our school admin email address: admin@mayfield.ealing.sch.uk
We will support you where we can or signpost you to other support available.

You will shortly receive a questionnaire by text. We would be very grateful if you could complete this. Thank you.

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We have volunteers willing to:

⇒ shop,
⇒ cook,
⇒ pick up prescriptions
⇒ ring for a chat
⇒ donate books
⇒ toys and share ideas to keep the children occupied
⇒ help you access information and advice

We work with Ealing Together & Ealing Mutual Aid Group

If you need a helping hand right now, make contact!

Social Media:
http://www.facebook.com/groups/eosehblmutualaid

Email: michelle.bailey@empowering-action.org.uk

Text or call (between 10 - 5pm)
Grace 07886267323 High Lane
Jackie 0795857169 Copley Close
Joanna 0775437877 Curnell Grove

All volunteers have DBS and report safeguarding issues to EAL.
If you would like to volunteer, please email Michelle Bailey.
Ealing School Music Service
If your child usually participates in guitar or keyboard lessons at school, you should have received information about the service EMS will be providing from next week. Please refer to the message sent for more information on how to access this service and resources or contact us on: admin@mayfield.ealing.sch.uk

The Governors remain in regular contact with me and we are all embracing new technology as we hold remote meetings to keep us all updated.

The Future
I don’t know when schools will re-open but there is likely to be a phased return for children. I will keep you updated with this information once I know more.

In the meantime... Stay safe. Keep well.
Mrs Ewart

Value in Focus: Responsibility to others, ourselves and our world. Kindness and Friendship
Our Values are underpinned by the British Values of:

- **Democracy** – Where the people make decisions (Fairness)
- **The rule of law** – following the rules of the country.
- **Individual liberty** – freedom of action and choice whilst following the rules of the country.
- **Mutual respect for and tolerance (acceptance)** of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.