

Welcome to Mayflower Primary School



When children join Mayflower School they ‘Set Sail for Success’ on their learning journey through our school. Mayflower School is named after The Mayflower Ship, famous for taking early pioneers to America.



SET SAIL FOR SUCCESS

That pioneering spirit is an inspiration for us at Mayflower School as we strive for excellence in learning. We want all our pupils to be successful and we are constantly searching for new and innovative ways to make learning exciting, so that everyone at Mayflower enjoys the sense of adventure learning brings and discovers how learning changes lives.

We want everyone at Mayflower to feel welcome, included and proud to be part of our school. We were delighted to be awarded outstanding at our recent Ofsted inspection, which acknowledges the excellent education we provide at Mayflower.



These are our guiding principles:

- Keep children at the centre of all we do
- Have high expectations of ourselves and all our learners and recognise the contribution that everyone can make to children's learning
- Encourage everyone to be a problem solver with a 'can do' attitude
- Build self confidence by supporting risk taking and by providing challenging active learning that gives choice and independence
- Ensure our school is an inclusive, stimulating environment that reflects and celebrates our creative learning
- Make use of our location so that pupils experience and feel part of London and enable our pupils to understand they are citizens of a wider global community.

We work in partnership with parents

By working together we can make sure your child has excellent learning behaviour and manners. We have a reputation for being a very friendly school. By joining us you will also be part of creating that friendly atmosphere at our school.

We welcome parents into our classrooms each morning to share your children's learning, read a book together, or have a quick catch up with your teacher or teaching assistant. Parents and carers can arrange to meet with Teachers and Teaching Assistants for longer meetings at any time throughout the year. We also have more formal meetings for parents at different points during the school year.

We currently have 387 pupils at Mayflower, we are very well staffed with talented and committed staff teams. Each class has a full-time Teaching Assistant.

Breakfast Club

Our popular **breakfast club** runs from **8:00 – 8:40 AM** and offers a wide range of healthy breakfasts, both hot and cold, at the moment this is at no cost to parents, although parents are very welcome to make a

contribution towards the cost of this club. We find that by attending breakfast club pupils to have a calm start to the day and aids concentration and learning, and they are always on time!

The School Day

We expect all children to be **in class at 8:45AM**. We ask that parents leave the school by 8:55AM.

The School day ends at 3:30PM

Early Years

We have a Nursery Class, Kapoor, and two Reception Classes Hepworth and Klee in our Early Years. Kapoor Class, has part-time (morning) and full-time places. As with the rest of the school, the day runs from 8.45-3.30. The morning session is 8:45 – 11:.40 AM. Terri is our lead teacher for the Early Years team. Children in Early Years can attend breakfast club from 8:00 AM.

Terri and the Early Years team will advise parents about this stage curriculum and the excellent provision on offer at Mayflower. The Early Years team will also advise parents and carers on the most effective ways to settle children into school. Attending every day is the best way to help your child settle, and to get the most from this crucial stage of their education. It really is the ‘foundation’ of an excellent education.

Our Early Years is well resourced with great outdoor facilities. Active learning can mean children getting wet and muddy, parents are welcome to bring spare clothes to school for when this happens.

The Wheelhouse is opposite Kapoor Class, this room provides parents and carers with a comfortable space to spend time during the settling in process and get to know other Mayflower parents and carers. We also run regular workshops here for parents, including a weekly, ‘stay and play’ session for toddlers and their parents every Wednesday from 9:00AM.



We want our parents and carers to feel part of our school community and will respond to any ideas you have to help this happen more effectively. Terri will let you know about any parents’ events taking place in school and can answer any questions you might have.

Excellent Attendance

We promote excellent attendance throughout our school as this gives your child the best possible chance of being successful in education. **We aim for 100% attendance.**

Classes achieving best class attendance for the term receive a special class treat. Making sure your child comes to school every day is vital. Anything under 97% is not considered to be good attendance at Mayflower and will be followed up by the school and Emdad, our Attendance Welfare Advisor.

We ask that all medical appointments are made after school or during school holidays. If it is not possible to change an appointment you will need to bring in a copy of the hospital letter to show the office staff.



Arrangements must be made for siblings so that only the child attending that appointment misses school time.

Occasionally children are unwell first thing in the morning, at Mayflower we encourage parents to bring children in as soon as they are feeling better. A half day at school is better than missing a whole day. If your child feels unwell during the day we will, of course, inform you. Anisha is based in the office and she helps us maintain excellent attendance. **All family trips must be taken during school holidays.** We do not agree to any term time leave and Tower Hamlets may fine families who take their

children out of school during term time.

Our Classes

Our classes are named after artists who have pioneered new ways of working in the arts. Kapoor and Hepworth are both sculptors; Matisse, Klee, O'Keeffe, Haring, Ofili, Hokusai, Hockney, Rousseau, Boyce, Kusama and Riley are painters. Ray is a writer and illustrator of children's books. We have named the classes after creative people so that Mayflower pupils can identify with people who have been successful in following their dreams.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is specifically designed by us, for Mayflower pupils. It gives pupils local and global knowledge within a broad and balanced and exciting curriculum. Pupils learn key skills from the National Curriculum. We are a **storytelling school** and each topic will involve an exciting hook and storytelling. This approach gives our pupils a bank of excellent stories they can retell and innovate to use in their own writing. Our topic based approach helps put the children's learning in context. We also have regular class visits to bring their learning alive.



Our staff and pupils take great pride in displaying pupils learning. The displays also help children and parents to see the learning that is going on in each class. You can read full details of our exciting curriculum on our school website. Pupils are expected to take full part in all areas of learning.

What to Wear at Mayflower

Red or white polo tops.



Navy blue, or red, uniform jumpers or cardigans.



Grey uniform trousers, skirts or pinafores.



Black shoes or black trainers



If girls wish to wear a head scarf, these need to be plain navy blue, or white. No commercial logos on any of the clothes. School uniform can be bought at any supermarket. We ask you to consider buying fair trade. All children need to wear uniform. We have attempted to make our uniform as inexpensive as possible and have given pupils an element of choice.

We ask that parents please clearly mark all clothing and personal property with your child's name. Keep the wearing of jewellery to a minimum. Pupils are responsible for the safe keeping of all their belongings.

P.E.

Physical Education (P.E.) We provide our pupils with a range of sporting opportunities while they are at Mayflower. We hope that they will find a sport that they love and will continue to pursue an active lifestyle. Our teachers work with classes on a range of sports skills and we also have professionally trained dancers and sports coaches who work across the school.

Pupils need a plain white t-shirt and navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings for P.E. Some activities will require the use of plimsolls or trainers (black)

What to wear for P.E.



Plain white t-shirt

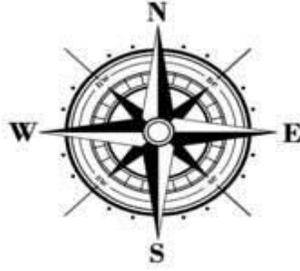
Navy track suit bottoms

black plimsolls or trainers

For health and safety reasons, no hoop ear rings, necklaces or scarves can be worn for P.E. P.E. kit can be kept in school in a Mayflower P.E kit bag. (these bags take up less space on the hooks) P.E. kit should be taken home regularly for washing.

Swimming

Pupils learn to swim in Lower Key Stage 2, (year 3 and year 4) at Poplar Baths. They go swimming every week on Wednesday. Pupils need a swimming costume or trunks, a towel and a swimming hat. Swimming hats and swimming bags can be bought at the school office.



Our Compass Points

We believe that pupils learn best when they have simple rules to guide them. At Mayflower we have 4 compass points. Our whole school uses these. You may find using them at home will help you too. We reward good learning and behaviour

The Mayflower compass points us in the right direction and helps us to take responsibility

- ❖ **N**ever give up, we persevere
- ❖ **E**veryone is valued, as is our environment
- ❖ **S**tay alert and actively listen to each other
- ❖ **W**e are honest and kind.

We are all have a part to play in making Mayflower School a really great place to be every day. Our Compass Points form the basis of our behaviour and reward system. Children are rewarded for following our compass points with house point cards that are given out by members of staff. Each week house points are collected from each class and they are collated to find out the winning house. The results are shared every Friday during our whole school assembly, in the weekly newsletter and on our school website. Every child in the school will be part of a different house. Our houses are named after our most prestigious universities because we want pupils at Mayflower School to aim high.

Mayflower's Houses

- ❖ **Oxford University - Dark Blue**
- ❖ **Cambridge University- Light Blue**
- ❖ **Kings College – Red**
- ❖ **Durham University- Purple**
- ❖ **Imperial College - Yellow**

Home Learning

Class teachers will talk to you about home learning at the beginning of the school year. At Mayflower we believe the most important

home learning is **reading**. Please make time every evening for your child to read either with you, or to



read alone. Spend time talking about books and visiting the Idea Store, it really will help your child with all areas of learning. We also have Mathletics and Spellodrome which are great online home learning resources. Each child will be given their own log in.

After School Clubs

We offer a wide range of learning opportunities beyond the school day which change each term. We have before school, lunchtime and after school activities which include art, music, drama, dance, sports, intervention classes, computer, reading and modern foreign languages. Pupils choose the area of learning which appeals to them and learn something new, or develop a skill. They can bring a healthy snack to eat before clubs. Clubs are heavily subsidised by the school and cost £5.00 per term, which is excellent value and works out to be 50p per session (£3.00 for pupils entitled to free school meals). Clubs run from 3:45 – 4:45PM.



School Lunches

Mayflower is a 'Healthy School -Gold' which means we promote healthy eating. Our healthy school lunches are cooked on the premises and provide children with a balanced diet. All our food is halal. The price of lunch is £2.35 per day.

Parents must provide school with information from your doctor if your child has any allergies.

We have family setting for pupils in Early Years, which enables pupils to develop healthy eating patterns from the start of school life. Older children are encouraged to serve each other and help themselves to salad, bread and water. Please ensure your child is able to use a knife and fork correctly.

Packed lunches, have to be healthy and balanced too; e.g. brown bread for sandwiches, fruit and water. We do not allow crisps or sweets. If you need any advice about this, please talk to a member of staff. Our school is **nut free**. We ask that children only bring fruit to share at birthdays and special events.

Pupil Premium

At the moment school lunches are free to Tower Hamlets pupils from Reception to Year 6. Nursery children pay for school lunches. All pupils entitled to free school meals, receive pupil premium funding which is provided by the government to support pupils from deprived backgrounds to enable them to fulfill their potential at school.

Pupil Premium funding is making a big difference for pupils at Mayflower. We receive additional funding for **all** children who are **eligible** for free school meals. So even though you don't have to pay for school dinners now, it is really important that you register for free school meals so the school receives this funding entitlement for your child.

Poplar Partnership

We are part of the Poplar Partnership, a learning network with local schools where staff and pupils learn from each other. We find there are many benefits from working in partnership. We also raise additional funds through the Poplar Partnership charity . We are part of a Teaching School Alliance, LETTA, where we train student teachers at Mayflower.

Our Governors

Our Governing Board is made up of volunteers who help make sure the school is well run. You can see their photos on display on the ground floor. They are happy to talk with you about our school and have an informal meeting in the autumn term where you can have the opportunity to talk with them.

Please tell us

When you are happy with anything you see at Mayflower and when you are unhappy, we want to know. Please talk to your child's teacher in the first instance. If there is a problem that is unresolved, please come and talk to Head teacher, Dee Bleach, Deputy Head, Adam Stock or Assistant Head, Heba Al-Jayoosi. The office staff will be able to arrange an appointment.

If you still are not satisfied with our response or feel a problem is not being addressed, you can ask for a copy of our Complaints Procedure Policy from the office or on our website.

Safeguarding

At Mayflower we recognise our responsibility to ensure that we safeguard our pupils and promote their welfare. We carry out this duty through our teaching and learning, pastoral care and extended school activities. All members of our school community will establish and maintain a safe and stimulating environment where children feel safe and secure, are encouraged to talk to adults they can trust, and are listened to. Our staff have regular updates on safeguarding which enables staff to recognise signs of abuse and understand their responsibilities when a child may be at risk of harm.

Additional Information

Please ask for any other information that you would like about our school. We want your child to be happy and successful during their time at Mayflower and leave here well prepared for secondary school and beyond. You will receive a weekly newsletter telling you about what is going on at Mayflower, you can also take regular looks at our school website to see what exciting learning is taking place at Mayflower. www.mayflower.towerhamlets.sch.uk You can also follow us on Twitter:

[@mayflowersch](https://twitter.com/mayflowersch)

You can contact the school: Tel: 0207 987 2782 or
Email: admin@mayflower.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Our staff team warmly welcome you and your child to Mayflower as they '**Set Sail for Success**' on their learning adventure.
Dee Bleach, Headteacher