

Welcome to Mayflower Primary School



Mayflower Primary School is a Local Authority community school. When children join Mayflower School they 'Set Sail for Success' on their learning journey. 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 welcomed, included and proud to be part of our school. We were delighted to be awarded outstanding at our last Ofsted inspection, which acknowledges the excellent education we provide at Mayflower. We have 395 pupils at Mayflower, from Nursery to year 6. We are well staffed with talented and committed staff teams. Each class has a Class Teacher and a Teaching Assistant.



Our guiding principles:

- We keep children at the centre of all we do
- We have high expectations of ourselves and all our learners and recognise the contribution that we all 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
- We 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, we also ensure our pupils understand they are citizens of a wider global community.

Early Years Foundation Stage



At Mayflower our Nursery class is called Kapoor Class. Our two Reception Classes, are called Hepworth and Klee. These classes make up our Early Years.

Ofsted 2017, called our Early Years 'a hidden gem.' They also noted 'Children get an exceptional start to their school career in Nursery and Reception classes, they make huge gains in the learning early on and are well prepared for year 1.'



We have a spacious purpose built playground, and wonderful bright classrooms. Children get used to being part of our school, as well as having their own dedicated Early Years outdoor space.



Our Nursery, Kapoor Class

Kapoor Class, has part-time and full-time places. The day runs from 8.45-3.30. The morning session is 8:45 – 11:40 AM. Heba, our Assistant Headteacher is our lead teacher for the Early Years team. All children are entitled to the 15 hours free Nursery provision, working parents can also apply for the 30 hours funded places.

We have 2 Early Years trained teachers in our Nursery class who work alongside our experienced Teaching Assistants. We follow the Early Years curriculum, which not only gives children a great start to their school learning, it also provides a seamless transition from Nursery class to Reception.



Children who attend nursery at Mayflower achieve higher in 'good levels of development' (GLD) than

children who go to other early years

settings. We are very proud of the early years education children receive at Mayflower.



We teach through half termly topics, each topic one has a book or a story as the focus. Throughout the Early Years your child will learn 12 stories in depth and they will use **storytelling** to structure their own stories. By the time children leave Mayflower they will have 48 stories under their belt! We also use this method to support non-fiction writing too. It supports children's talking, reading and writing.

We take children out to support their learning and their knowledge of the local area and beyond. Parents of children in the Early Years are invited along for these special visits.

You can get a flavour of the exciting and active learning that takes place in Nursery and Reception classes by looking at our website and by following us on twitter. @mayflowersch



Readiness to Learn

Our Early Years team will advise parents about the Early Years 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 get wet and muddy, parents are welcome to bring spare clothes to school for when this happens.

The Wheelhouse is opposite our Nursery, 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 pre Nursery children and their parents is every Wednesday 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the summer term.



We want our parents and carers to feel welcome and part of our school community. We will respond to any ideas you have to help this happen more effectively. Heba and the early years team will let you know about any parents' events taking place in school and can answer any questions you might have.

Early Years wrap around care

Children in Early Years can attend breakfast club from 8:00 AM. We can also provide after school wrap around care if we have enough parents interested to make this provision cost effective.

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

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 £1.90 per day. **Parents please inform school if your child has any known 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. Our school is **nut free**. We ask that children only bring fruit to share at birthdays and special events.

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. If parents have separated, we would ask that you let us know how best to keep both parents involved and informed about your child's education.

We welcome parents into our classrooms each morning so that you can share your children's learning, read a book together, or have a quick catch up with your child's teaching team. 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.

The School Day

We expect all children to be **in class at 8:45 AM**. We ask that parents leave the school by 8:55 AM. **The School day ends at 3:30 PM.**

Every day Counts

Occasionally children are unwell first thing in the morning. 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.

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. Children also take home words to learn as part of our 'word Aware' research project.

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



School Uniform

We ask that parents **please clearly mark all uniform**, including coats and any other personal property, with your child's name. Please keep the wearing of jewellery to a minimum. Pupils are responsible for the safe keeping of all their belongings. If girls wish to wear a head scarf, these need to be small, 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. We have attempted to make our uniform as inexpensive as possible and have given pupils an element of choice. In the warmer weather children can wear uniform grey shorts and blue or red gingham dresses.

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 our newsletter to your mobile phone each week letting you know all about what is going on at Mayflower, there are paper copies in our reception area. 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

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

School term and holiday dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 1	<i>Monday 3rd September Staff Training Day</i> Tuesday 4th September – Friday 19th October 2018
<i>Half-term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018</i>
Autumn Term 2	Monday 29th October – Friday 21st December 2018
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January 2019</i>
Spring Term 1	Monday 7th January 2019 – Friday 15th February 2019
<i>Half-term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019</i> <i>Inset Monday 25th February</i>
Spring Term 2	Tuesday 26th February – Friday 5th April 2019
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April 2019</i>
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May 2019
<i>Half-term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019</i>
Summer Term 2	Monday 3rd June – Friday 18th July 2019 <i>Tuesday 4th June occasional day for Eid TBC</i>

5 Inset days and 2 occasional days

Other Insets are taken as twilights which have been added on to the summer holiday -Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July. (If Eid is Tuesday 4th June, possibly take Monday 3rd June as Occasional day)