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## **1. Expanding School Capacity Update – All**

We would like to thank all children, staff and parents for the way they have embraced the measures that have been put in place to enable us to safely expand the capacity in school. Everything has been running incredibly smoothly, but just to remind you, please remember:

- Please ensure all children have a drink bottle to remain on their desks
- For children in Years 3, 4 and 5, we will radio the classroom once a parent has arrived to pick up their child; please make yourself known to the member of staff on the gate
- Even if a keyworker child has been designated a class that finished at 3:00pm, we will still keep them until 3:15pm if desired; after school club is available for keyworker children
- Siblings with different start and finish times – if this is the case, siblings can arrive together at the earlier time and leave at the later time. At 3:00pm a child can wait in their classroom before joining their sibling to leave.
- If a Year 6 child has a younger sibling, they should arrive and leave via the front gate.

We will continue to address any arising issues over the coming days to maximise safety of children, staff and families. You can be assured we will be as flexible as possible in addressing any issues for families whilst maintaining the safety of the school community.

## **2. Food Voucher Update – All – Information**

Further to a recent update from the Government, an additional food voucher has been issued to those parents who receive free school meals this week, this will have been received on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June for half term week as this had previously not been issued.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, if your child is now attending school as per the recent changes, you will no longer be receiving food vouchers as they will be able to receive a school meal if requested by you on the form you recently completed.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rainford at [trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## **3. Frequently Asked Questions – All – Information**

We have developed and published a FAQ for parents to read. It can be found on the website here:

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID+19+%2D+Corona+virus+updates&pid=330>

## 4. A Message from West Sussex County Council – All – Information

Please see below a message from West Sussex County Council regarding a local school:

Dear Parents,

Both The Forest School in Horsham and St Andrews CE High School for Boys in Worthing are beginning a consultation from the 1 June on becoming co-educational high schools for both boys and girls from September 2021.

We are encouraging people to engage with the consultation via the online survey on our “Have Your Say” page, by following the link provided in this communication. The consultation goes live on 1 June. If you would like to engage with that consultation, please use the links below:

[westsussex.gov.uk/standrews](https://westsussex.gov.uk/standrews)

[westsussex.gov.uk/theforestschool](https://westsussex.gov.uk/theforestschool)

We appreciate that not all everybody who may wish to comment on the consultation will have access to the internet. We have therefore produced paper copies of both the consultation letter and the survey response form and these can be obtained by contacting the School Office at either St Andrews CE or The Forest School.

Thank you.

## 5. Telephone Counselling – All – Information

Please see below a flyer from Reaching Families:



The flyer is a dark blue rectangle with white and green text. At the top left is the Reaching Families logo, which includes silhouettes of a family and the text 'Reaching Families'. To the right of the logo is the tagline: 'Empowering families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities'. The main title 'Telephone Counselling' is in large green font. Below it, white text states: 'Reaching Families has adapted its services to provide support for parent-carers during the coronavirus pandemic.' Further down, white text says: 'If the lockdown is having an effect on your mental health and wellbeing we can provide you with short term affordable counselling to support you during these times\*'. Below this is the contact information: 'For further details Email: [counselling@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:counselling@reachingfamilies.org.uk)'. At the bottom left is the Sussex Community Foundation logo, and at the bottom right is the Community Fund logo. The bottom of the flyer features the website 'www.reachingfamilies.org.uk', the hashtags '#Staysafe' and '#Stayconnected', and a small silhouette of a family. At the very bottom, in small white text, it says: 'Registered Charity No: 1150906 Company Limited by Guarantee, No: 8261096 Unit 16, Oaklands Business Centre, 64-68 Elm Grove, Worthing. BN11 5LH'.

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\*£10 per session (£5 for parents on work related benefits)

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## **6. National Book Tokens – All – Information**

National Book Tokens, which sponsors World Book Day, is giving away £5,000 to one lucky school to buy books for their library. We need as many parents and staff as possible to click on the link below, to be in with a chance on winning. Please follow the link so we can be in with a chance to win this great prize! The closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Many thanks!