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1. Summer Holiday School Opening – All – Please Read

Please read the message below from Headteacher Mr Jolley in regards to summer holiday school opening:

Understandably, parents have started to question whether the school will be open throughout the summer holidays. I have been discussing plans for opening with school leaders and governors at Chesswood and other schools. There is no decision at this time. Some school groups such as Horsham have already communicated their intention to fully close schools throughout the summer holidays. Initial government advice indicated that schools would not be open throughout the summer holidays to provide additional teaching, however, in recent days there has been a further consideration from government on this aspect, largely driven by the decision not to open more widely to year groups beyond year 6. We believe we will need the remainder of June to consider further changes to government guidance and plan next steps.

The current school position is that we would not be open for the summer holidays as a summer school. However, subject to government guidance, we are considering whether a summer activity club for key worker and vulnerable children, similar to Easter and May half term would be appropriate. We would expect to make a decision at the beginning of July on arrangements for the summer holidays. Any opening would be for essential need only i.e. there is no other reasonable alternative for the family to provide child care for their child. There are many questions that need to be answered prior to taking the decision to open, including how a summer activity club could or would be funded.

I hope this interim position on school opening for the summer holidays provides a better understanding of current thinking and the direction we are heading, even though a final decision has not yet been taken.

2. School Capacity & Keeping In Contact – All

Last Friday, a letter was issued from the Headteacher setting out the important information for parents about school capacity and admission arrangements for the remainders of the summer term. It also shares information about the keeping in contact arrangements, that also need to change now more staff are required to work on the school site. The letter can be found here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6497&type=pdf>

3. East Worthing Food Bank – All – Information

The East Worthing Food Bank are currently supplying weekly packages to around 70 families/200 local people. They are taking referrals from WSCC and Worthing Borough Council to help local families. You can contact East Worthing Food Bank on 01903 442149 or apply for a food parcel online at:

<https://forms.gle/DnZfDsiHdABmedes7>

Due to their excellent team who source food and funding, they can provide an unusually robust offering of fresh and non-perishable food as well as being able to link families to support services where needed.

4. Pupil Email Logins – Additional Security – All – Information

We have recently enhanced the security that is applied to pupil email accounts. Most pupils will not notice any difference, but some pupils will no longer be able to log in with their old password. If your child is now unable to log in to their Chesswood Office 365 email, please try the Accelerated Reader password. If you still cannot log in, please contact the year group support email and they will confirm your password:

- Y3support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk
- Y4support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk
- Y5support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk
- Y6support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

5. Real Love Rocks – Year 6 – Information

A letter was sent to parents of Year 6 students in regards to the 'Real Love Rocks' programme that will be beginning in school the week beginning Monday 15th June. All letters and the information leaflet can be found on the website here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Current+Term+Correspondence&pid=780>

6. Transition Questionnaire – Year 6

A letter was sent from Jo Peace, Year 6 Leader, to all Year 6 parents detailing a questionnaire we have developed for our current Year 6 pupils to complete. The questionnaire gives pupils a chance to ask any questions about transitioning to their next school, and enables us to gauge how pupils are feeling. We would also like to hear any ideas and suggestions for how the Year 6's would like to celebrate their time at Chesswood. We are hoping all Year 6 children can complete this. The questionnaire can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2T1gXfT> and the letter can be located on our website here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/site/data/attachments/P780/Transition%20Questionnaire%20letter.203518432.pdf>

If there are any difficulties accessing or completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Peace, your child's class teacher or the office.

7. School Games Athletics Events – All – Information

The organisers of the School Games will be sending us some medals to hand out for the rest of the challenges. We will be awarding medals for various reasons over the next six weeks. Please enter your scores on www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk to help #teamchesswood again this week. The activities can be seen here: <https://mailchi.mp/4b2d478ad5a9/specsavers-virtual-sussex-school-games-gymfitness-challenges-4858590?e=b98eea3381>

8. External Events – Reaching Families

Reaching Families are hosting lots of new 'live chat' resources for parents. Please see the flyers below for more information.



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Mindfulness Workshop

An opportunity to explore Mindfulness practice using exercises for Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR).

Tuesday 16th June
4pm – 5pm

Mindfulness practice can help you be present in the moment, develop awareness and acceptance, and pay attention to your experiences just as they are.

Delivered by Esther Hunt who is a highly experienced psychotherapist and trained with the British Institute for Mindfulness.

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Umbrellas

Virtual Support Group

Would you like to connect with other parent carers?

Please join us on
Wednesday 17th June
at 2pm

Contact Hannah for details of how to join
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Making Sense of Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND (during Coronavirus)

Thursday 25th June
10.30am – 12.00pm

Free online workshop delivered via Zoom by Aspens

Providing an insight into strategies and activities that you can use to support siblings of children with additional needs.

There will be a particular focus on how best to support siblings with the extra challenges they are facing during the pandemic.

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LIVE CHAT

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THURSDAY 18th JUNE
at 11am

Live on Reaching Families Facebook Group

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