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1. COVID-19 Update

We can confirm there have been no positive cases this week. We will be placing the below table in each newsletter to keep you updated on the number of either positive or potential cases. You can be assured that we are tracking everything carefully and responding to risks as they arise, balancing the need to stay open and the need to reduce risk and transmission. If you have any concerns in relation to any of these numbers, please contact office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. They are not a reason for a child to be absent from school. Should it be necessary for your child to isolate, we will be in contact.

Count of Role	Case Review		Grand Total
	0-7 days	8-14 days	
Not a case	14	8	22
Potential Case	33	3	36
Grand Total	47	11	58

Do NOT attempt to send your child to school for any reason if anyone in your household is displaying any one or combination of symptoms below:

- A new, continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss, change in normal sense of taste or smell

2. Latest Correspondence – All – Information

Keeping up to speed	
We are very aware both professionally and personally how hard it is to keep up with communications from school and from everywhere else for that matter. And, nobody has the time to search for letters they think they might have missed and are experiencing understandable parent anxiety of the consequences of missing important communications. We hope the very clear links and organisation below will ensure you are able to find any school communication quickly and easily.	
You may find the current and all previous newsletters for this academic year for reference on our website	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+Correspondence&pid=176
Newsletter from previous academic years may be found at	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Previous+Academic+Year+Newsletters&pid=1007
You may find all current term correspondence for the whole school	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Current+Term+Correspondence&pid=780
Current and previous correspondence for specific year groups	
Year 3	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+3+Correspondence&pid=180
Year 4	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+4+Correspondence&pid=177
Year 5	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+5+Correspondence&pid=178
Year 6	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+6+Correspondence&pid=179

3. 2021 Secondary School Admissions – Year 6

Parents of children currently in Year 6 will need to complete the secondary school online admissions process, at the very latest by **Saturday 31st October 11:59pm**. We have created a page on our website to guide parents through the application process, and that can be visited here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Admissions&pid=1090>. To ensure you have a reference for all available information we have created two web pages to support parents of Year 6 children:

1. General Secondary Admissions – importantly this includes website links to all secondary schools in the area. It also indicates which schools have special educational needs specialist support centres for children that currently have or are likely to be registered with an Education and Health Care Plan.
<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Admissions&pid=1090>
2. Specific 2021 Secondary Admissions Arrangements – this includes the attached letters for your reference and information including a link to the West Sussex website and their leaflets and posters with the key information for all parents.
<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Admissions+September+2021&pid=1022>

If you need help, support or guidance please do the following:

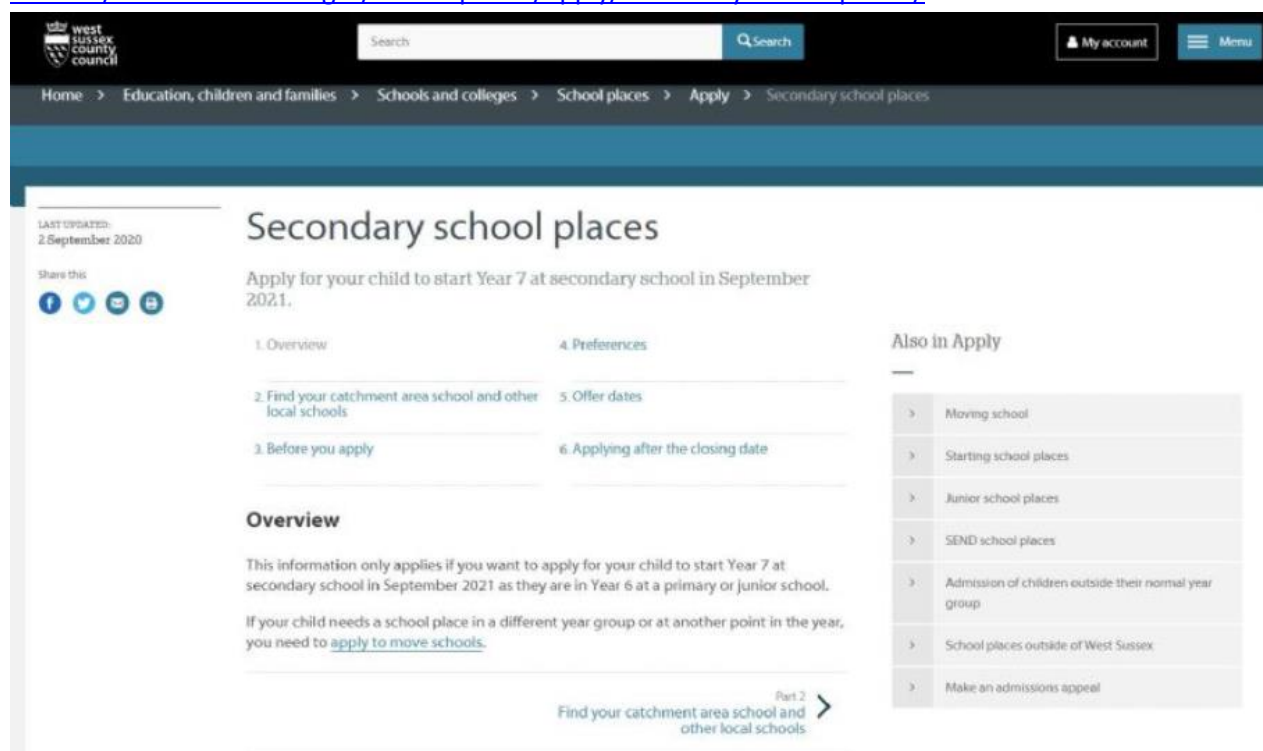
- Read our guidance and letters at: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Admissions+September+2021&pid=1022>
- Contact our admissions officer, Treena Beech, admissions@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. You may call 01903 204141 but email is preferred wherever possible

- Source independent help from West Sussex Information Advice Service 0330 2228555, email send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk, particularly if you would like help completing the online admissions form
- Contact school admissions 03330 142 903

Free internet access is available from Chesswood Junior School (an appointment must be booked for internet access and entering the school building at this time -contact admissions@chesswood.w-sussex.sch or 01903 204141 to make an appointment); West Sussex libraries and Children and family centres.

We wish you every success in securing the school of your choice for your child. To ensure you have the very best chance of securing a school place in the local area – YOU MUST complete the online process BEFORE SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER 11:59 p.m. If you do not submit an application in time it is unlikely that your child will secure a school place within a Worthing school and extremely unlikely that your child will be placed at any of your preferred school. Please, please, please prioritise this process in the interests of your child’s learning and happiness in the coming years.

The admissions website can be found here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/secondary-school-places/>



4. Parent Governor Elections – All – Information

Further to our communication earlier this week **we are writing to confirm that an online application for nominations is preferred wherever that is possible**. Our election page now contains all updated information to support all potential nominees prepare and submit their nomination including an updated letter also enclosed here. Parents may find the online form and the two versions of the hard copy version of the nomination form (word and PDF).

Our governing body currently has three vacancies for parent governors. Parent governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to:

- The leadership and direction of the school
- The quality of education of all children on roll now and in the future

Could that be you? If you:

- A parent of a child at Chesswood
- Are interested in the bigger picture of school life and children's school experience
- Want to make a positive difference for all children
- Are available for meetings on Mondays from 6:30pm-8:30pm...

...we want to hear from you!

Please visit <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Governor+Election&pid=280> for more information.

Nominations close 12:00pm Friday 9th October 2020.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Dolby, Chair of Governors, at cog@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

5. Parking in Ladydell Road – All – Action

Following a number of valid concerns being raised around children and family safety when cars are turning into and turning around in Ladydell Road cul de sac, we are asking ALL parents NOT to enter, park, stop or turn in the cul de sac. Please DO NOT enter at any time during morning drop off or afternoon collection times. A more detailed letter can be found at: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=7798&type=pdf>

6. Inset Day Childcare – All – Information

We will be running childcare facilities on the INSET day on Friday 23rd October 2020.

The details are as follows:

- The day runs from 7:30am to 3:30pm to include breakfast
- A range of activities will be provided throughout the day, to include arts and crafts, board and card games, sports, nature documentaries and general play
- Children will need a packed lunch and a fruit snack, breakfast will be supplied between 7:30am-8:15am
- The cost for the day will be £25.00 per child to be paid in full
- Numbers will be limited and based on a first come first served basis, for paid only bookings (non-refundable)
- The children will be cared for throughout the day by members of our school support staff, all of whom are suitably qualified, DBS checked and hold first aid qualifications

Letters will shortly be sent out on SchoolsBuddy. Should you wish your child to attend, please look online via SchoolsBuddy or complete the reply slip attached to the letter (on our website) and send it to school, together with your cheque payment of £25.00 per child, in a sealed envelope for the attention of Kate Brown, School Finance Officer. All forms and payments must be returned no later than **Friday 16th October**.

7. E-Safety – All – Information

An online safety guidance leaflet has been circulated to all parents this week as a reminder about what to be aware of and what to do if any problems arise. This can be viewed on the website here:

https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/_site/data/attachments/P780/Online-Safety-Guide-for-Parents.211995714.pdf

Our school website also has a wealth of information and advice for specific online areas, as well as app/platform specific advice too. This can be accessed here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=E+%2D+Safety&pid=238>

8. Steyning Grammar School Virtual Open Day Events – Year 6 – Information

Due to the current circumstances brought about by COVID-19, Steyning Grammar school will be running their open days and evenings virtually for current Year 6 pupils. They will be going 'live' on the following dates and times:

- 30/09/2020 at 6pm for parents/ carers and Year 6 students interested in joining the Church Street Campus, that will be based on the Shooting Field site from September 2021. You will hear from key members of staff, and there will be a chance to ask questions.
- 7/10/2020 at 6pm for parents/ carers and Year 6 students interested in joining the RR Campus. You will also hear from key members of staff and there will be the opportunity to ask questions.

Parents/ carers need to email admissions2021@sgs.uk.net stating your preferred campus and in turn, you will be sent the appropriate link. The presentations will be the same on each evening.

9. Scooter Safety – All – Action

Please can we remind parents and children to be considerate of walking pedestrians when using scooters/ bikes on the pavement to and from school.

10. Census Day Menu – All – Information

Please see below the school meal menu for Thursday 1st October. If you would like to book please do so at www.mealselector.co.uk and ensure your order is placed by Sunday 20th September.

£2.35

Menu

Thursday 1st October

Choose a main...

Beef Burger in a Bun
or
Quorn Nuggets & Chips

On the side...

Baked Beans or Salad
Tomato Ketchup

For dessert...

Jammy Jack
(flapjack)

For drink...

Blackcurrant Squash, Milk
or **Water**

Please place orders by Sunday 20th September at www.mealselector.co.uk, where further details are displayed.

For more information on special diets please contact westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk.

Special diet requests must be made no later than Wednesday 16th September.

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11. Peripatetic Music Teachers – All – Information

We have a number of parents asking for contact details for our peripatetic music teachers. Please see the below poster for all details/ instruments. Teachers can be contacted directly.

	<p>Rocksteady Music School</p> <p>Learn to play an instrument in a rock band. Choose from electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboards, drums and vocals. For more details contact:</p> <p>Email: info@rocksteadymusicschool.com Phone: 0330 113 0330</p>		<p>Steve Thornley</p> <p>Drum teacher</p> <p>E-mail: www.drumnut.co.uk</p>
	<p>Chris Terry</p> <p>Brass teacher</p> <p>E-mail: chris.p.terry.ct@gmail.com</p> <p>Phone: 07443505533</p>		<p>Erin Harte-Stovell</p> <p>Violin and strings teacher</p> <p>E-mail: Erin.Harte-Stovell@westsussexmusic.co.uk</p>
	<p>Emily Williams</p> <p>Piano teacher</p> <p>E-mail: music@stevewilliams.co.uk</p> <p>Phone: 07769158865</p>		<p>Anne Whiteside</p> <p>Keyboard and flute teacher</p> <p>E-mail: Annewhiteside@hotmail.com Phone: 07853856154</p>
	<p>Peter Marchant</p> <p>Guitar teacher (Acoustic, Electric and Ukulele)</p> <p>E-mail: petermarohant19@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>Phone: 07876597559</p>		<p>Victoria Thorogood</p> <p>Woodwind teacher (Saxophone/clarinet)</p> <p>Email: Victoriathorogood@gmail.com</p>

12. External Events – All – Information



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Making Sense of It All Foundation Course

Has your child been recently identified as having additional needs?

Do you find the systems and support for special educational needs confusing?

Would you benefit from a broad overview of how it all works?

This new three-part online course has been designed to provide an introduction to all the key issues and challenges common to parent-carers. It aims to empower parents of children undergoing or who have recently undergone diagnosis but is helpful to any parents who feel they need an overview of the following subjects and issues: -

- Coming to terms with and understanding your child's diagnosis
- Where to go for information and advice
- Handling stress and building resilience
- Gaining support from other parent-carers
- Accessing benefits and financial support
- Getting support for your child at school
- Accessing support through health & social care
- Accessing other key services and opportunities in West Sussex.

Wednesday 30th September, 7th & 14th October
10.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th November
10.30am - 12.30pm

The courses are free of charge and delivered online via Zoom.
For more information and booking please email admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk
or visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058>



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Making Sense of Wellbeing

This six week course for parent-carers offers you the opportunity to explore some of the essential elements of wellbeing. Our personal and social wellbeing helps us to develop good relationships, feel connected to others and improves our resilience, empathy, and adaptability.

The course includes a blend of wellbeing and mindfulness workshops designed to help you enhance your relationship with your child with SEND, build resilience, reduce stress and help you to relax.

Each session can be attended as a stand alone but we would encourage to you attend all if you are able to.

Wellbeing Workshop : Active Listening - Tuesday 15th September 7.15pm

Do you want to feel 'heard'? This workshop helps you understand the key skills in active listening, including listening with all senses and enhancing your understanding of others.

Mindfulness Workshop : Listening to your inner experience - Tuesday 22nd September 7.15pm

We will use mindfulness practice to help you 'listen' to your inner self and bring attention and awareness to your experience and wellbeing.

Wellbeing Workshop : Problem Solving - Tuesday 29th September 7.15pm

What do you do when faced with a problem? This workshop uses strategies to help you with problem solving from a different perspective.

Mindfulness Workshop : Finding peace in the storm - Tuesday 6th October 7.15pm

During times of difficulty and stress we can feel caught in the storm of life. Mindfulness can offer ways of finding stillness in the midst of this turmoil.

Wellbeing Workshop : Positive thinking - Tuesday 13th October 7.15pm

When negative life experiences occur, it's hard to be positive. This workshop helps you consider positive thinking skills as a way of regaining control.

Mindfulness Workshop : You are not your thoughts - Tuesday 20th October 7.15pm

Mindfulness offers us space to step back from our thoughts and experiences, and see them as mental events which do not define us. This session teaches ways of relating to your thoughts differently.

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Autumn Workshops (first half term)

Making Sense of It All Foundation Course *NEW*

Wednesday 30th September, 7th & 14th October 10.30am

This new three-part course has been designed to provide an introduction to all the key issues and challenges common to parents and carers. It aims to empower parents of children who are undergoing or have recently undergone diagnosis but it will be helpful to any parents who would like to learn more about how SEND processes work.

Making Sense of Wellbeing *NEW*

This six session course includes a blend of wellbeing and mindfulness workshops designed to help you enhance your relationship with your child with SEND, build resilience, reduce stress and help you to relax.

(each session can be attended as a stand alone but we would encourage you to attend all if you are able to)

Workshop: Active listening —Tuesday 15th September 7.15pm

Mindfulness: Listening to your inner experience—Tuesday 22nd September 7.15pm

Workshop: Problem solving —Tuesday 29th September 7.15pm

Mindfulness: Finding peace in the storm—Tuesday 6th October 7.15pm

Workshop: Positive thinking —Tuesday 13th October 7.15pm

Mindfulness: You are not your thoughts—Tuesday 20th October 7.15pm

Making Sense of Transitioning Back to School

Wednesday 16th September 10.30am

Looking at how children may be reacting to the return to school, covering many issues including separation anxiety and emotionally based school refusal; changes to the school environment; communication with and expectations from school; transitioning to a new setting and ongoing anxieties that children and parent-carers may be experiencing.

Making Sense of the Annual Review Process of an EHC Plan

Tuesday 22nd September 10.30am

An overview of how the Annual Review process works including statutory timeframes, how the review meeting should be conducted and what happens afterwards, and when/how to request interim or emergency reviews.

Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour in Adolescence (11+)

Thursday 22nd October 7.30pm

Exploring how your young person's brain works, how hormones and puberty impact upon our children, how we can support them and respond to challenging behaviour to achieve positive outcomes.

All of the workshops are free of charge and will be delivered online via Zoom.

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