

Weekly Communication Roundup

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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.

Case	0-7 days	8-14 days	15-21 days	22+ days	Grand Total
Not a case	14	29	30	9	82
Potential Case	14	13	15	2	44
Grand Total	28	42	45	11	126

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

If **anyone** has **any one** or more symptoms of coronavirus they must isolate with their household and seek a test or isolate for 10 days. Other members of the household must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result has been received.

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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	d 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					

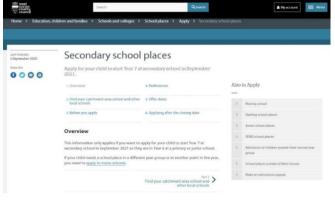
3. 2021 Secondary School Admissions – Year 6

Parents of children currently in Year 6 will need to complete the secondary school online admissions process, at the very latest by **Saturday 31**st **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, <u>admissions@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</u>. You may call 01903 204141 but email is preferred wherever possible

- Source independent help from West Sussex Information Advice Service 0330 2228555, email <u>send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk</u>, 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. Year 2 Open Events 2020 - Wednesday 11th November - Information

A letter was circulated to al parents with children in Year 2 at Springfield and Lyndhurst Infant Schools. Unfortunately this year we are unable to hold our usual Open Day, however we will do our very best to create an open event that will inspire and engage parents and children alike. We know choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions parents make in life and we will ensure you have the right information available to make your decision in confidence. We will publish our open event materials ready for Wednesday 11th November. The materials will include virtual tours; and video presentations by children and staff. We will write again with the specific organisation for the open event but wanted to contact you early in the process to allay any worries you may have about the admissions

AUTUMN OPEN EVENTS (NOVEMBER)

OPEN EVENT PREPARATION 2020 (FOR ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021)

REGISTERING PARENT INTEREST

RECEIVING PARENT & CHILD QUESTIONS, QUERIES AND CONCERNS

As we are hosting a virtual open event on November 11th 2020, we thought it would be useful to tallor that event or during any school tour.

We have set out the opportunity for families to ask or share up to three adult questions, queries or concerns in addition, there is space to add up to three dhild led questions, queries or concerns we have answered and not for children (this will have to be read in partnership with their parents). You may follow this LiNk to complete the orline questionnoire or complete in the window below. We would recommend following the link if you are using a smaller device such as a phone or tablet. The online form will then open in a new window.

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process in such extraordinary times. We would like all parents at our local schools to register their interest in our open event on our website. Parents may do this at:

HOME > PARENTS > ADMISSIONS AND TRANSITIONS > JUNIOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS > AUTUMN OPEN EVENTS (NOVEMBER)

https://www.chesswood.w-

sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Autumn+Open+Events+%28November%29&pid=183&action=saved

This form also enables families to ask or share up to three adult questions, queries or concerns. In addition, there is space to add up to three child led questions, queries or concerns. This form will close on **Monday 2nd November, 11:30pm**. We will then create a booklet for adult questions, queries and concerns we have received and one for children (this will need to be read in partnership with their parents).

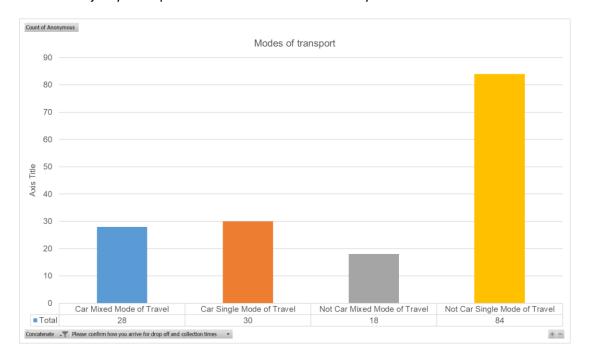
6. ANY ONE Letter - All - Information

A letter was circulated earlier in the week asking everyone to please follow the <u>ANY ONE RULE</u> at <u>ALL TIMES</u>. There continues to be significant confusion about school attendance when **ANYONE** in a household is displaying **ANY ONE** of the three COVID 19 symptoms. We have created a guide to help remove any remaining uncertainty for any member of the school community. This can be read online here: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=7967&type=pdf

7. Drop Off & Collection – Road Safety Review

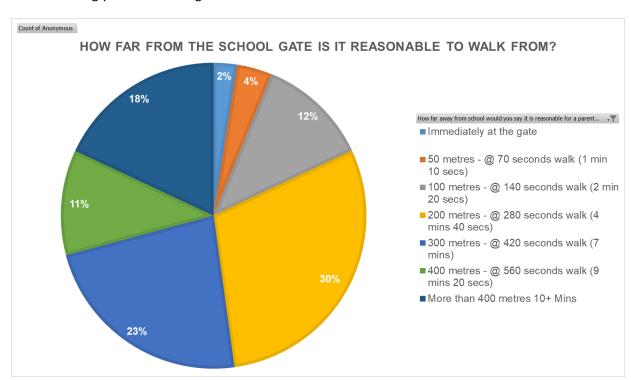
We have now had 161 responses and are very grateful to everyone who has responded so far. It would be really helpful to ensure we get 250+ so that there can be no doubt that all views have been represented. We have engaged in discussion already and shared early findings from parents with councillors and with council officers in Worthing and West Sussex. If you haven't already completed the questionnaire then please take 10-15 minutes to set out your views. We have included some information below on the current responses.

The vast majority of respondents do not arrive at school by car

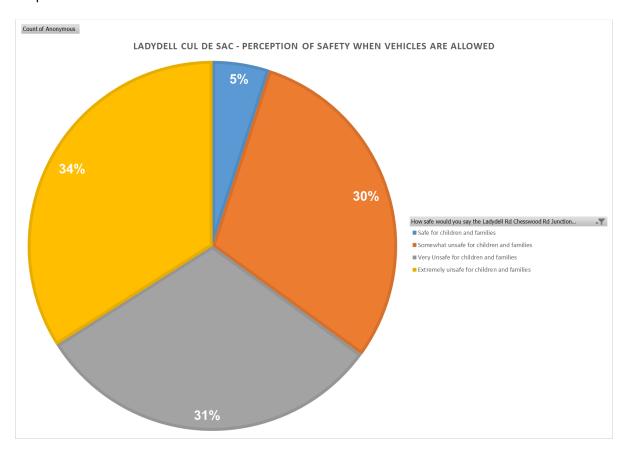


Respondents cover all year groups broadly in equal measure

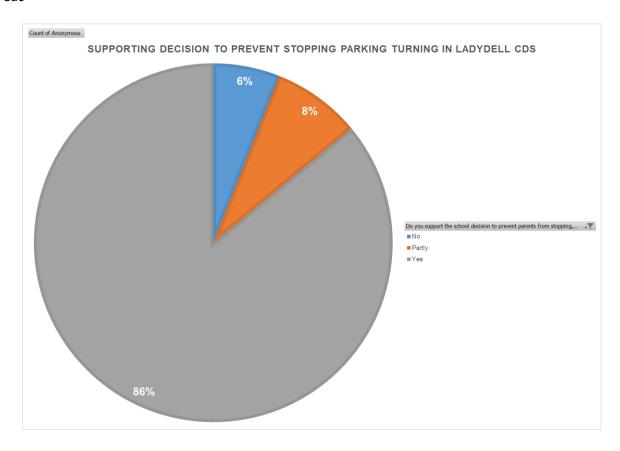
Overwhelmingly 200m+ walking distance is viewed as reasonable.



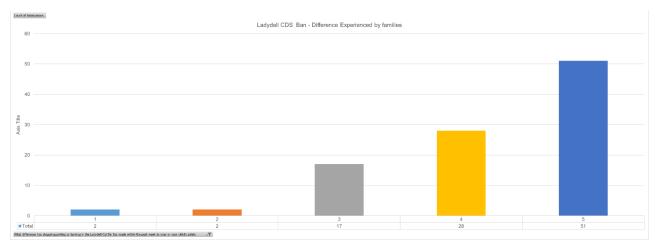
Almost all respondents believe it is unsafe to allow vehicles into the Ladydell Cul De Sac at collection and drop off.



Almost all respondents support partly or wholly in banning stopping, parking or turning in Ladydell Cul De Sac



The difference experienced by families in the action taken by the school to prevent cars stopping, turning or parking is overwhelmingly positive



- It has made things significantly less safe it is still unacceptably dangerous in the cul de sac
- It is less safe than before and it needs to be reviewed
- It has made little or no difference to my or my child's safety when dropping off or collecting
- It is better than before it is more safe for all
- It is significantly safer than before at dropping of or collection time it has made a fantastic difference to safety and welfare

The questionnaire

- Will take approximately 15 minutes
- Must be completed by Friday 9th October 12:00pm

Please visit our new child and road safety webpage below to complete the questionnaire and to access reference materials for dropping off and collecting:

HOME > PARENTS > DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING SAFELY

https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Dropping+Off+and+Collecting+safely&pid=1121

8. Hello Yellow – Friday 9th October – All – Action

We are inviting Chesswood children to wear something yellow on Friday 9th October in support of Young Minds, which raises awareness to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day. As lockdown has had a huge effect on many children and young people, we would like to support Young Minds, to help make a difference to those suffering with mental health issues. On Friday 9th October, we will be joining thousands of schools, offices and community groups by taking part in #HelloYellow.

We understand that this year has brought financial strains for many families, so we are not requesting a donation, but if you feel you would like to and are able to, please do so via the Young Minds website: https://youngminds.org.uk/

All we are asking is that you wear something yellow on Friday 9th October: socks or tights, ties or scarves, hair bands or hats! Normal school uniform/PE kit is expected – just brighten it up with your yellow accessory!



9. Food During Isolation - All - Information

If your family is isolating due to COVID-19, and your child is entitled to free school meals, then we are able to provide a food hamper for you to aid the isolation period. Please get in contact with the office on 01903 204141 or office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk if you believe you are entitled. We are able to provide a delivery service.

10. INSET Days – 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 retuned no later than **Friday 16**th **October**.

11. Uniform Survey – All – Action

Town Councillors Carl Walker and Margaret Howard have put together a quick survey to explore the cost of school uniforms in Worthing. It is for parents and carers across Worthing to complete, is anonymous and will only take a minute or two to complete. We would be grateful if as many parents and carers could complete this as possible: https://brightonpsychology.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 8bNJlaqHK0MnTV3

12. Updated Head Bump Protocol – All – Information

We have updated the head bump protocol in school. If your child suffers a bump to the head, it will be treated accordingly, and your child will be issued with the usual slip to bring home, head bump information leaflet and a blue wristband, detailing the date and time of their head bump. These wristbands are similar to those given at festivals and events, and will just need to be cut off when the child returns home. Please ensure the wristbands are removed that evening, to avoid confusion the following day.

13. Food in School – All – Information

We would just like to remind parents that children are only permitted to bring food and drink into school – any other item that is not food, including herbal remedies and medications must be agreed with the school office beforehand.

E-Safety - All - Information 14.

We have a wealth of online safety guidance available on our website, to ensure your child is protected whilst using online platforms, including apps, instant messaging, gaming and live streaming. An Online Safety Guidance for Parents leaflet can be access on the website here: https://www.chesswood.wsussex.sch.uk/ site/data/attachments/P780/Online-Saftey-Guide-for-Parents.211995714.pdf

We have top tips for parents to keep your child safe online on our website here: http://www.chesswood.wsussex.sch.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety+advice+for+parents&pid=214

E-SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS

TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

- Talk to your child about what they're up to online. Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show are interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems. Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child. The w.co.uk/parents has films, games and advice for child from five all the way to 16
- Encourage your child to go online and explore? There is a wealth of age-appropriate sites online for your child Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.

 Keep up-to-date with your child's development online. Children grow up fast and they will be growing in co
- nd learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you.
- Set boundaries in the online word just as you would in the real world. Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to devel the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.
- Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space. For children of this age, it is important important in a family space. internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across mething they don't want to see.
- Show what connects to the internet and how. Nowadays even the TV connects to the internet. Make st aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as their phone or games conso out how they are accessing the internet - is it your connection, or a neighbour's wifi? This will affect whether the safety

Bohunt School Uniform Pricing – Year 6 – Information 15.

Please see below the uniform costing details for Bohunt School Worthing.



16. Fundraising for Chesswood – All – Information

Did you know that you can help raise funds for Chesswood every time you shop online? Easyfundraising.org.uk

Whenever you buy anything online you could be raising FREE donations for **Friends of Chesswood School** with easyfundraising.

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

- Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofchesswoodschool/?utm_campaign=raisemore and join for free.
- 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Friends of Chesswood School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges.

Throughout the Chesswood community these donations could really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofchesswoodschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

Amazon.Smile.co.uk

In addition to this you can also support Chesswood every time you shop with Amazon. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Friends of Chesswood at NO COST TO YOU. On your first visit to www.smile.amazon.co.uk select Friends of Chesswood as your chosen charity. You can use your existing Amazon account but where you see a product is marked "eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk donation" then ensure that you change to the smile.amazon.co.uk page before completing the purchase.

If you have any questions please contact either Kate Brown – kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk or the school office.

This week, you can raise even more for Chesswood when you shop – Selfridges, John Lewis & Partners, M&S and more are offering increased donations on your purchase! This offer runs until 4th October.

Thank you so much!

17. External Events

