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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	13	24	29	39	105
Potential Case	3	2	13	17	35
Grand Total	16	26	42	56	140

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. If you are unsure of any of the rules surrounding the Any One Rule, please read the letter online here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=7993&type=pdf>

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.

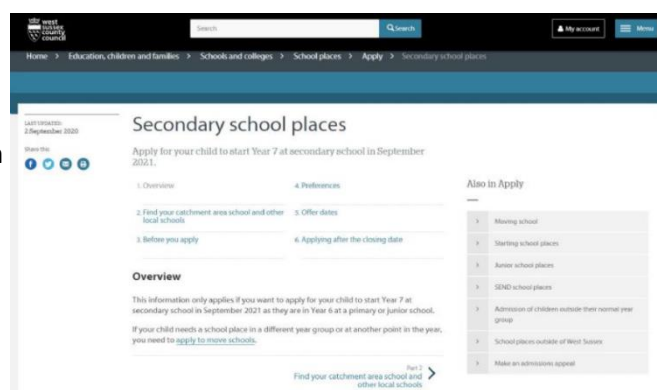
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2. Specific 2021 Secondary Admissions Arrangements – this includes the attached letters for your reference and information including a link to the West Sussex website and their leaflets and posters with the key information for all parents.

<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 – Update

Thank you to all those who have applied to be parent governors. As we have had more applications than there are available positions, there will be a parent election held to determine who is appointed. Further details of this will be to follow.

5. Year 2 Open Events 2020 – Wednesday 11th November – Information

A letter was circulated to all 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 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

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OPEN EVENT PREPARATION 2020 (FOR ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2021)

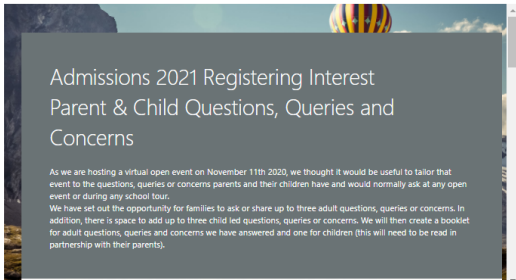
REGISTERING PARENT INTEREST

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 tailor that event to the questions, queries or concerns parents and their children have and would normally ask at any open 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 child led questions, queries or concerns. We will then create a booklet for adult questions, queries and concerns we have answered and one for children (this will need to be read in partnership with their parents).

You may follow this [LINK](#) to complete the online questionnaire 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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6. Black History Month – All – Information

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States where it is also known as African-American History Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of Africa and the African diaspora (A **diaspora** (/daɪˈæspərə/) is a scattered population whose origin lies in a separate geographic locale.). It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, while in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.

We are very proud to have such a diverse school community. Our diversity helps us to thrive together. In recognition that respect, understanding and knowledge underpin a successful community we are seeking to embrace and celebrate this important annual event. By promoting this event, throughout this month, we expect to ensure the knowledge and understanding gained of important people and events will make a lasting difference and improved recognition for everyone in our school community.


We have set up a new school web page to share resources celebrating important people and events, locally, nationally and internationally. We have created an online form to invite all members of our school community to share further information that we could use to support Black History Month and our curriculum in recognition of this essential part of the United Kingdom's history.

To find out more and contribute, please visit:

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2020

GUIDE	LINK
BLACK HISTORY MONTH WEBSITE Please click on the image opposite to visit the Black History Month Website. The website includes a wide range of important, inspiring and enlightening reviews of events and people.	

HOME> LEARNING> CURRICULUM> HISTORY> BLACK HISTORY MONTH

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Black+History+Month&pid=1127>

7. Hello Yellow – All – Information

Today, we invited children to wear something yellow for the Young Minds Mental Health Awareness Day. Young Minds is a charity “leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges”. The effect lockdown has had on children and young people is significant, but together we can show



young people they are not alone. #HelloYellow is a movement designed to raise awareness for children & young people's mental health. We have not asked for donations, however if you can and would like to donate, you can visit <https://youngminds.org.uk/get-involved/how-to-fundraise/helloyellow/> or <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Mental+health+support&pid=680>.

As a school, Chesswood have a significant amount of support resources and pathways available to parents, children and staff to aid managing worries of all nature, anxiety, stress and much more.

As we all adapt to the 'new normal', routines are changing and we may all be experiencing a wide range of emotions. At times, we may feel overwhelmed about Coronavirus; swinging between feeling stressed, worried, out of control or scared.

It's important to remember these feelings are normal and you are not alone; we are all in this together and together we can get through it. As parents and carers, you may wonder how you can give the best support to your children as well as looking after your own well-being and mental health.

Our pastoral team have created a web page to support children and families through this unprecedented period of uncertainty. There is a wide range of resources, information, ideas and links that are updated regularly including; worry box, national guidance and signposting, local advice and support, financial worries, sleeping, anxiety, stress, low mood and more. This can be accessed here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Managing+Worries&pid=655>

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Dear Families,

As we all adapt and adjust to our 'new normal' routines at home during these uncertain times, we may experience a wide range of emotions. At times, you and your family may feel overwhelmed about Coronavirus (COVID-19), swinging between feeling stressed, worried, out of control and even fear.

However it's important to remember these feelings are normal and you are not alone, we are all in this together and together we can get through it. As parents and carers you may wonder how you can give the best support to your children as well as looking after your own well-being and mental health.

Our pastoral team have created this web page to support you through this unprecedented period of uncertainty. Here you will find a wide range of resources, information, ideas and links that will be updated weekly, so please keep logging in.

The web page is also a great opportunity to share information that you think other families may benefit from. Please forward your suggestions to pastoral@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

The Chesswood pastoral team is still working and can be contacted during school closure with any worries or concerns you might have. Chesswood children can also contact us with any worries they may have using the Worry box.

Please take great care during these very strange days ahead, and we really look forward to seeing you back at school when this challenging time is over.

Stay Home. Protect the NHS. Save Lives

With warm wishes

The Chesswood Pastoral Team.

8. 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.

9. 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 returned no later than **Friday 16th October**.

10. 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.



11. PE – All – Action

Please can we remind parents to send your child/ren in with a light raincoat for PE. They must still be able to participate but will need an extra layer now the weather is getting colder.



12. St Andrews – Year 6 – Information

Please see below a flyer from St Andrews CE High School:



Your personal invitation to STA in 2021

ST ANDREW'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL

We would like to invite you and your child to visit our
Year 6 information site
www.sta-worthing.com
We are now welcoming both boys and girls for September 2021!

Are you:

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- Loving and kind?
- Independent and unique?
- Someone who wants to make a difference?



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13. This Week at Chesswood...

Year 5 have been learning how to cook Welsh Cawl; a dish using lamb/ beef, onions, leeks, potatoes, carrots and more! Even more impressive – some of the vegetables used in the cooking were grown in Chesswood's

very own
allotment. Well
done Year 5!



14. External Events



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

Goring C of E Primary School - Worthing
"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.

MON 26/10 - CREEPY CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & GHOULISH GAMES
Join us for a day of Halloween themed adventure games. Try your luck at the doughnut swing and make your very own toffee apple toasted over the fire - Yum!

TUES 27/10 - WE'RE GOING ON A YETI HUNT!
We'll learn stalking and tracking, build humane traps and make foot moulds of this great beast.

WEDS 28/10 - NERFAGEDDON - NERF ALL DAY LONG!

THURS 29/10 - HALLOWEEN SNOT & EDIBLE BLOOD MAKING & ZOMBIE BODY PART SCAVENGER HUNT
We'll be embarking on a Zombie fun filled day of snotty slime, edible blood & scab making. A Zombie body part scavenger hunt & plenty of games

FRI 30/10 - HARRY POTTER
WITCHES AND WIZARD WAND CARVING AND MAGICAL POTION MAKING
Have fun whittling your very own woodland wand, brew potions and play the game of Quidditch!

MY DAUGHTER CAME HOME A MUDDY EXCITED YOUNG LADY BUZZING TO TELL ME ALL ABOUT HER DAY!

NATURE NINJA
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

NERF SHARP SHOOTER
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

WILD THING
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"THE STAFF ARE ENCOURAGING, ENTHUSIASTIC & GREAT ROLE MODELS"

"MY SON HAD SO MUCH FUN. HE WANTS TO GO BACK FOR MORE TOMORROW!"

FOR MORE INFO ON THE ACTIVITIES, HOW THE CLUBS RUN & TO BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
BIRTHDAY PARTIES - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - PARENT TODDLER GROUP



NRG JUNIORS NETBALL CLUB

NRG Juniors Netball Club currently have spaces for girls in years 3-7 to join our Club. Training is 9-10am at Worthing College outdoor courts on a Saturday morning.

Training fees are £35 per term

Please email admin@nrgnetball.co.uk for more information about joining NRG Netball Club

