

CHESSWOOD

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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 <u>office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</u>. 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
Confirmed Case				1	1
Not a case	3		12	117	132
Potential Case	6	1	7	40	54
Grand Total	9	1	19	158	187

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: <u>https://www.chesswood.w-</u> <u>sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=7993&type=pdf</u>

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.					
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. Absence Reporting – All – Information

Please can we remind parents to, when reporting absence, include as much detail as possible about the reason for absence, including details of any symptoms your child is experiencing.

4. COVID Reporting – All – Information

We have developed a new online form to be completed by any member of the school community as soon as possible after developing symptoms. This includes weekends and holidays for the foreseeable future.

If any of the following are true:

- You child attending Chesswood has experienced symptoms
- Your child attending Chesswood has tested positive
- Anyone in your household experiences any one of the three symptoms



You are a staff member, external staff
 (supply teacher, peripatetic music teacher)
 or volunteer and you or anyone in your household has developed symptoms or tested positive

You should complete the COVID 19 online form as soon as possible.

All families are asked to complete the online form on our website at HOME > PARENTS > COVID 19 https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID+19&pid=330&action=saved

If, for any reason, you are unable to complete the form with essential information please email <u>covid@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</u> During school holidays and weekends only – when there is no other alternative If it is not possible to complete the form or email and you have no other alternative, please text 07837971769

Text only, please do not

- Call, or
- use this phone number for any other reason, other than COVID reporting

Please only use this number to report a confirmed positive case.

Text: Positive COVID Case (if you have a positive test result). A member of our team will contact you to get the information verbally, please only use this as an absolute last resort.

As indicated, it is our sincere hope that none of the above need to be used by any family or staff member. However, if it does, we expect that all members of our school community being aware of and using this online reporting system will allow a quick response in the interests of all members of our community, particularly those who are vulnerable themselves and those with vulnerable family members.

5. Christmas Card Competition – All – Information

We have launched the Christmas Card Competition 2020! All entries must:

- Be drawn on A4 or A5 paper (landscape)
- Be YOUR own work
- Have your name and class written on the back
- Reflect the magic and meaning of Christmas for children

The rewards will be as follows:

- All entries will receive 10 house points
- An additional 10 points for exceptional quality
- The overall winders will receive 50 house points and have their design on one of the five school Christmas cards

The closing date is 9:00am Monday 30th November and all entries must be given to Miss Wakeford in the school office.

6. Maths Week - Rock Out 2020 - Win Prizes!

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30am and 7:30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.



In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Thank you for your support!

7. Chartwells Job Vacancy – All – Information

A vacancy has arisen within Chartwells, the company who provide our school meals. This position:

- Is a Customer Service Advisor position and would be within various schools
- 7.5 10 hours per week
- Term time only

To apply, or for more information, please contact Sarah on 07917326817.

8. Friends of Chesswood – All – Information

Thank you to Waitrose in Worthing and to anyone who has supported Chesswood Junior School with the green token scheme. Friends of Chesswood have received the sum of £333.00 which will be put towards a new scooter rack.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions with COVID-19 we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Fayre this year. However, Friends of Chesswood have decided to organise a Winter Raffle which is usually a major part of our Fayre. We will not be issuing paper tickets but instead you will be able to enter via SchoolsBuddy (there is no limit to the number of entries) and the Draw will be streamed live on **Friday 11th December 2020 at 2pm**. Further information will be sent shortly.



As many of us will be doing our Christmas shopping online this year, please remember if you register with EasyFundraising or AmazonSmile to support Friends of Chesswood, then the school will receive a percentage of the monies **without any cost to you**. Please just spend a minute or two to register and the school will benefit.



9.Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December – All – Please Action

If you would like your child to have a Christmas hot lunch meal on Wednesday 16th December you can now book online at www.mealselector.co.uk **please book no later than Sunday 6th December.**

