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COVID-19 Update

In line with the current national and local situation regarding cases of COVID-19, we are dealing with more positive cases linked to the school. Wherever there is a direct risk to pupils or staff at school, as a result of an identified positive case, we will communicate this immediately to those affected ensuring they isolate in line with track and trace expectations.

This will occur when an identified positive case has

- had contact with any staff or pupils in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms
- had contact with any staff or pupils in the 48 hours prior to the test (where asymptomatic)

Where a positive case has had contact with a bubble, we will close the bubble for a period of 10 days from the last contact.

Where a positive case has not had contact with any staff or child in school (for example, they were not in school for over 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms), there will be no further action required by the school.

Case	0-7 days	8-14 days	15-21 days	22+ days	Grand Total
Confirmed Case				12	12
Not a case	4	1	1	243	249
Potential Case	4		2	91	97
Grand Total	8	1	3	346	358

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>

If anyone in your household displays any symptoms, please complete the COVID-19 form on the website <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID+19&pid=330&action=saved>

1. 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

2. Online Learning During Isolation – All – Information

If your child is isolating, please remember there is a wealth of online learning available on our website; <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Home+Learning+%28For+children+who+are+isolating%29&pid=1095>

This can also be accessed by visiting:

HOME > LEARNING > HOME LEARNING > YEAR GROUP > HOME LEARNING (FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ISOLATING)

Learning has been split into phases as below:

Phase	Guidance
Phase 1	The first thing you should do is make sure you have finished this week's year group homework to the best of your ability.
Phase 2	Tasks set for the specific week of isolation – Reading, Writing and Maths.
Phase 3	Wider curriculum tasks – tasks are set for the half term across multiple subjects.
Phase 4	During each day of isolation: Read an appropriate book for at least 30 minutes Complete IXL English tasks for at least 30 minutes Complete IXL Maths tasks for at least 30 minutes If you do not have access to the internet please let your class teacher know immediately and they will look at options during the period of isolation.
Phase 5	Independent learning, use the links to visit other websites; our game zone and knowledge organisers for different subjects.

3. COVID Reporting – All – PLEASE READ AND ACTION

If **anyone in your household** has **any one** of the COVID symptoms, you **must** get tested and inform the school via the COVID case reporting form on our school website. This includes weekends and holidays; it is really important for this form to be completed to allow the school to follow the appropriate protocol and take action as soon as possible.

If any of the following are true:

- Your child has experienced symptoms
- Your child 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=COVIS+19&pid=330&action=saved>

If, for any reason, you are unable to complete the form with essential information please email covid@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

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 and those with vulnerable family members.

4. Free School Meal Application – All – Please Read

We would like to appeal to families who may meet the criteria to register for free school meals. If your circumstances have changed recently and you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals please visit

<https://www.chesswood.w->

[sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals+%28Free+%26amp%3B+paid+for%29&pid=257](https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals+%28Free+%26amp%3B+paid+for%29&pid=257) for more

information and to complete the online form. Please act now if you believe you would be eligible, if you

need any help or have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Rainford at trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

5. Travelling to School Safely – All

Please see below a message from the DfE on how pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- If you live a short distance from school, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- Avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
 - Wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, or if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station

- Social distance where possible
- Wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- Be considerate to fellow passengers and staff

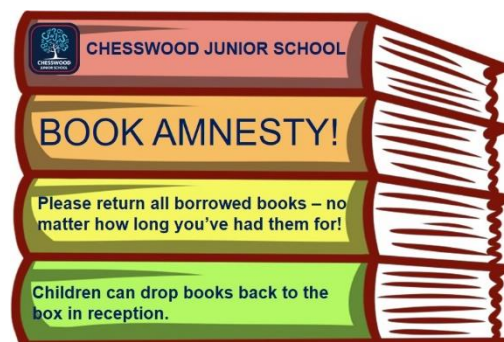
6. Drop Off and Collections – All – Information

Please see the below table confirming drop off and collection times and places for each year group;

Year Groups	Entrance Guide	Gates Open	Last Entry	Parent Collection	End of School	Exit
Year 3 & 5	Year 3 Car Park Entrance Only Year 5 Chesswood Road or Ladydell Road pedestrian entrance All children go straight to class	Please do not arrive before 08:45	09:00	Please do not arrive before 3:15 p.m. Year 3 Parents enter Chesswood Road Pedestrian Entrance Only Year 5 Ladydell Road Collection Only – no parent entry	15:25	Year 3 Families exit through Chesswood Rd car park only – follow the one way system
Year 4 & 6	Year 4 & 6 Chesswood Road or Ladydell Road pedestrian entrance All children go straight to class	Please do not arrive before 08:25	08:40	Please do not arrive before 2:55 p.m. Year 4 Parents enter Chesswood Road Pedestrian Entrance Only Year 6 Ladydell Road Collection Only – no parent entry	15:05	Year 4 Families exit through Chesswood Rd car park only – follow the one way system
Siblings	Sibling Arrangements – siblings of different year groups may enter at the time of the earliest child and leave at the time of the latest. An older sibling should go to collect the younger sibling at the appropriate time. Older siblings should not leave through the Ladydell exit – just go through school to collect younger sibling					





7. Book Amnesty – All – Action

Please could all books that were borrowed over the recent lockdown (or any books you've borrowed over the years) be brought back on the week beginning the 8th. Our library is looking a little bare, and it would be great to have all our books back for the children to read on their return to school. There will be a box in reception children can drop the books into, no matter how long ago they were borrowed. Please have a look to see if you have any hiding at home! Thank you.



8. Staff Changes – All

We have had a few staff changes recently, with some staff leaving for new ventures and others joining the Chesswood Team.

<i>Leavers</i>	<i>New Starters</i>
 <p>Kym Wood, EAL teaching assistant, left Chesswood at the end of last half term, after many years at Chesswood. Best of luck Kym!</p>	 <p>Chloe Franks recently joined Chesswood as a TA, working in Year 4. We are excited that Chloe has joined the Chesswood team!</p>
 <p>Anya Edwards, TA, left Chesswood at Christmas to start a new venture before embarking on teacher training in September 2021. Good luck Anya!</p>	 <p>Maria Scott has joined the teaching assistant team, working in Year 3. A very warm welcome to Maria!</p>



Jo Spark, TA, left us at the beginning of February due to a move out of area. Jo will be missed by staff and pupils – good luck!



Amy Sarafis has joined the Year 5 team as a teaching assistant. We look forward to working with Amy!



Elaine Carter, TA, recently left Chesswood. She will be missed by pupils and staff; best of luck for the future Elaine!



Tanya Fellows has joined Chesswood in Year 6 as a teaching assistant. We are happy to have Tanya as part of the Chesswood team!

9. World Down Syndrome Day – All – Action



www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

Every year World Down Syndrome Day* is celebrated on 21 March.



World Down Syndrome Day is on Sunday 21st March and it is a global awareness event.

We are going to celebrate this again in school on **Friday 19th March by wearing our Odd Socks.**

This year's global theme is **'We Connect'**: *For WSD 2021 the focus is on improving connections to ensure that all people with Down syndrome can CONNECT and participate on an equal basis with others.*



This year, Edward Richey, who has Downs Syndrome, will be creating a presentation to share with classes on Friday 19th March. This will improve understanding of some of the disabilities that we have within our community and celebrate Chesswood as an inclusive community who see the people first, not their disability. It will celebrate how we connect together to support everyone to be included and aspire to achieve their dreams.

How can you support Edward and help spread the word about Downs Syndrome?

By wearing #LotsOfSocks!

Not just any socks...wear brightly coloured, mismatched socks.



Anyone who comes into Chesswood School on Friday 19th March wearing odd socks will receive 10 House Points.

10. British Science Week – All – Information

Classes have been having lots of fun this week with their Science Week rocket experiments! From design to creation to experiment, it was certainly a lot of fun and a definite success!



Alongside this we're also going to be running a design and innovation competition between now and the end of term.

We're going to give you two choices for what you can design!

Competition Option 1 - Innovating for the future: Designing your own Chain Reaction machine. We'll be talking about these in school but if you want to get started here are some links that will help you:

Watch this amazing video first - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qybUFnY7Y8w>
<https://tinkerlab.com/engineering-kids-rube-goldberg-machine/>
[https://pstt.org.uk/application/files/3515/3900/2529/Chain Reaction Booklet - v5 final 2.pdf](https://pstt.org.uk/application/files/3515/3900/2529/Chain_Reaction_Booklet_-_v5_final_2.pdf)

Competition Option 2 - Innovating for the future: Designing your own classroom for the future. What do you think the classrooms of the future will look like?

What will be learning?

Will we still need teachers?

Again here are some useful links/ideas if you want to get started:

<https://funacademy.fi/8-year-olds-design-futuristic-classroom/>
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/classroom-of-the-future>

The deadline for entries will 12:00PM on March 29th (Monday of the last week of term) so that we can celebrate all your wonderful designs and choose winners before the end of term.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

We are looking for interesting design and innovation and so the winners might not be the best looking but will be the entries that have the best and most original ideas!

If you are interested in finding out more about British Science Week here's the website link:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

All the best and take care,
The Chesswood Science Team

11. Pancake Day Competition Winners!

Well done and thank you to everyone who entered the pancake competition in half term! The winners have been announced and prizes given out. You can watch the Pancake Day Competition Video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmXB9yNAhCA>. Well done to the winners and everyone else who entered a video or photo!



12. Computer Screen Background Winners!

Well done to our winners of the Computer Screen Background competition! Prizes were handed out this week. A big well done to Gihansa in Year 5 who won the overall prize; our other winners were Emilia in Year 3, Ayla in Year 4, Lotte in Year 5, and Zach in Year 6. Well done to everyone who entered!



13. Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards 2021 – All – Information

Nominations are now open for the Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards 2021!

This has been a difficult year to say the least, but out of this situation we have seen heroes come to the fore; staff of the NHS and care workers have quite rightly received the accolades and publicity they deserve for their amazing efforts but there are many other heroes too. Staff in the education sector have been working tirelessly to ensure children are taught, fed, inspired, and motivated.

The KM Charity Team deliver the Teacher of the Year Awards and we would like to spread the word to everyone in the school community to nominate a member of Chesswood. This is not a popularity contest; it isn't measured on the number of votes but instead a panel of judges read the content of every entry and have the difficult decision of selecting the winners.

Please, spend 5 minutes completing the online nomination form to enter any member of staff who has gone above and beyond this year. It really means a lot and will really be appreciated.

Anyone can nominate and it's not just teachers who are recognised – these awards celebrate every role in schools from secretaries and administrators to caretakers, headteachers and volunteers. Not everyone can win but all nominees receive notification of their nomination and that in itself goes a long way to them knowing how appreciated they are.



Winners from every district will be honoured at the awards ceremony with the overall countywide champions announced on the night. In addition, there will also be a pre-recorded version of the event aired simultaneously in order for everyone to celebrate.

To nominate is simple:

- ★ Go to www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/awards/toty/ and complete the online nomination form

With your help we can make this year's Teacher of the Year Awards bigger and better than ever before and make sure that the unsung heroes of the past year receive the recognition they truly deserve.