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Friday 19th March 2021

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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	3	4	1	244	252
Potential Case	2	4		93	99
Grand Total	5	8	1	349	363

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 <u>anyone</u> has <u>any one</u> 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

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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/paqe/?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 an	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				

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-

 $\underline{sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Home+Learning+\%28For+children+who+are+isolating\%29\&pid=1, \underline{095}$

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 <u>anyone in your household</u> has <u>any one</u> of the COVID symptoms, you <u>must</u> 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 emails.

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

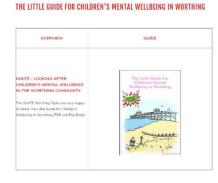
We would like to appeal to families who may meet the criteria to register for free school meals. If your circumstances have changed recently and you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals please visit https://www.chesswood.w-

sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals+%28Free+%26amp%3B+paid+for%29&pid=257 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. Children's Mental Wellbeing – All – Information

The IGNITE Worthing Team are very happy to share The Little Guide for Children's Mental Wellbeing in Worthing (PDF and flip book). A great resource packed full of ideas to support children's mental wellbeing.

It can be found on the Chesswood website Pastoral – Child and Family Support; https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=14689



We also have some excellent poster resources available on our website which include the 'NHS Top Tips for Mental Health'. They can be viewed on the website by visiting Home>Pastoral>Child and Family Support>Mental Health Support – Children or by clicking this link: https://www.chesswood.w-

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6. A Message from the Public Health Director – All



Please see below communication from Dr Tony Hill, Public Health Director, in relation to early years settings.

"Whilst the currently lockdown has brought rates down locally, cases are still being reported and we have had a recent large outbreak in an early years setting, it is especially important families and staff keep following the current restrictions. The pandemic is far from over and we know that cases can spread quickly."

7. Parking During Peak Times – All – Action

Please can we remind all parents to be considerate and mindful when parking in Chesswood Road and surrounding areas, particularly during drop off and pick-up times. Please be thoughtful when parking and refrain from parking across driveways or on yellow/ zig zag lines. If you see a car parked inconsiderately or illegally, you can make a note of the registration number and report it to Operation Crackdown http://www.operationcrackdown.org/. Thank you for taking care and consideration when parking.

8. Odd Sock Day - All - Celebration

Today we celebrated Odd Sock Day to raise awareness for World Down Syndrome Day, which is on Sunday 21st March. Well done to everyone who came in wearing odd socks – you have received 10 house points!



9. EasyFundraising - All - Action

Double Donation Week is back! Raise TWICE AS MUCH for Friends of Chesswood School when you shop online using EasyFundraising. John Lewis & Partners, Argos, notonthehighstreet and more are doubling donations until 21st March. Shop now: <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/double-donation-week?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=doubledonationweek-2021&utm_term=ce475&utm_content=socialshare&origin=ss021

10. Staff Changes – All

We have had a few staff changes recently, with some staff leaving for new ventures and other existing staff members starting new roles within Chesswood Team.

Leavers

Evie Price, teacher of 6EP, will be leaving on Friday 26th March for a new venture in Derbyshire. She



has, in this most difficult of years, built confidence and inspired children in her class enabling them to meet and overcome the challenges and frustrations they face. Staff, children and families will all miss her very much.

Good luck Evie – we wish you every success and happiness in the future!

Change in Role

We are pleased to announce that Graham Powell will be leading 6EP from 26th March. Graham has



been working at Chesswood since 2019 as a teaching assistant, after many successful years as a primary teacher. He will be team teaching with Miss Price from Monday 22nd March to ensure there is a

thorough transition, and we are pleased to congratulate Graham on his new role within the Chesswood Team!



Congratulations to Cormac Verner, who is currently working as a teaching assistant in Year 4 – Mr Verner has successfully secured the new role of EAL teaching assistant and will be starting after Easter.

11. Chartwells Menu – All – Information

If you would like to order your child a hot school lunch, please visit https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/ where you will be able to set up and account and order directly with Chartwells. To view the 3 week rolling menu, available from week beginning 19th April 2021, please visit our website; Home>Parents>School Meals (Free & Paid For) or click https://www.chesswood.w-

sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=14594



12. Summer Clubs 2021 – All – Information

Sign up for summer 2021 clubs is now open and available to book via SchoolsBuddy. Sign up closes on Monday 29th March, so please ensure you have made your requests by this date. The full letter can be read on the website; Home>Parents>Latest Correspondence>Current Academic Year Correspondence or click https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=14693. We have a reduced number of clubs for the Summer term due to current restrictions, so the following clubs will take place as follows:

- Year 3 Summer Fun Sports Monday
- Year 4 Summer Fun Sports Thursday
- Year 5 Summer Fun Sports Tuesday
- Year 6 Summer Fun Sports Friday

If you have any queries, please contact Tracey Rainford on 01903 204141 or trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

13. Wildflower Project – All – Information

You may remember we recently received some wildflower seeds for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Wildflower Project. This week, we planted the seeds and entered Chesswood Junior School into the Best in Bloom competition! To get involved, please visit https://www.cwgc.org/our-work/news/best-in-bloom-discover-our-wildflower-competition-for-lockdown-britain/#:~:text=Running%20from%20the%2021%2D28,of%20our%20war%20dead%20alive



14. British Science Week - All - Activity

We all had such a fun time last week with our British Science Week experiments!



Alongside this we're also 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://tinkerlab.com/engineering-kids-rube-goldberg-machine/

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

15. Peripatetic Music Teachers

Please see below details of our peripatetic music teachers, who can be contacted directly.

List of music and instrumental teachers



16. External Events



KICKBOXING

FOR 10 & 11 YEAR OLDS

AT THE EAST WORTHING COMMUNITY CENTRE PAGES LANE (BEHIND THE RANGE)

FRIDAYS 6-7PM STARTING 16th APRIL

CALL TEXT OR EMAIL ASAP AS PLACES ARE LIMITED AND NEED TO BE BOOKED 07515901669

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ALL TAUGHT BY FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTORS. TRAINING AVAILABLE 6 DAYS A WEEK.

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