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Friday 26th 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	2			12	14
Not a case	1	3	4	245	253
Potential Case	7	4	2	93	106
Grand Total	10	7	6	350	373

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

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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 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					
else for that matter. And, nobody has the time to s	nally how hard it is to keep up with communications from school and from everywhere search for letters they think they might have missed and are experiencing understandable portant communications. We hope the very clear links and organisation below will ensure ickly 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				

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=1 095

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 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. COVID Updates - All - Information

Shielding Guidance

The government has announced that shielding guidance is being paused. From Thursday 1st April, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are no longer advised to shield. CEV people must continue to follow the national restrictions that are in place for everyone.

From Thursday 1st April, all CEV children should attend early years provision, school, college, wraparound childcare and out-of-school settings, unless they are one of the very small number of children under paediatric or other specialist care and have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend.

Where parents, carers or students are anxious about attendance, you should speak to the school about your concerns and we can discuss the protective measures that have been put in place to reduce the risk and additional measures that can be put in place.

Changes to the Test and Trace Support Payment for Parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme?utm_source=22%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campa ign=DfE%20C19) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensure that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

5. Community Hub Food & Essentials – All – Information

Those children and families that are not eligible for Free School Meals will be able to access support for food and essentials, should they be required, via the WSCC Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 08:00 – 20:00 7 days a week. More information can be found via the West Sussex Families in Need webpage.

6. Easter Holiday Activities – All – Information

There is an exciting programme of activities for all children and their families to enjoy over Easter. On offer is a mix of virtual and face-to-face activities for all ages, hosted by the West Sussex Library Service over the two weeks. With the current restrictions limiting what families can do during the holidays we hope this will prove popular, please find further information

at https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/spring-into-action-with-exciting-activities-for-kids-at-west-sussex-libraries-this-easter/

7. Healthy Child Programme/ National Child Measurement Programme – Year 6 – Information

A letter was sent to Year 6 parents earlier in the week with a letter and information leaflet from the Healthy Child Programme in regard to the National Child Measurement Programme. There is not currently a date in the diary for this, however it will take place after the easter break and parents will be notified once a date is in place.

As per the letter, if you do not want your child to take part in the NCMP, please contact them directly. In addition to this we ask that you also let us know so we can ensure your child is not asked to participate. Please notify us

of any withdrawal via email on the medical@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk email address.

The letter and leaflet can be access on the Year 6 Latest Correspondence webpage:

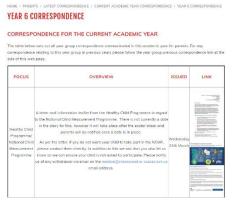
https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+6+Correspondence&pid=179&action=saved

8. Medication – All – Information

Please can we remind all those with medication requirements to ensure these are brought into school and handed to a member of staff upon return. All medication must be provided in its original box/packaging with the prescription label clearly attached detailing the child's name and dosage requirements.

All medications must be accompanied with the relevant forms. These can be completed online using the following links:

Parental Agreement Form to be completed for ALL types of medication:



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bFAfoyNHwUaT1tnJfpJx98G7Ft5HQP5EnPugtbAWOvBUMkxDR1RRVkI1TTVYWIMxVTlYSUVXUUZZRi4u

Asthma Information Form to be completed per school year for children with asthma inhalers: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bFAfoyNHwUaT1tnJfpJx9xv1f29kwt1LtGv6sSLzp WhUOEZYTkYwSTJPVFAwQjRXNlhHNFJKNjM0Ui4u

If you have any concerns or queries with regard to medication at school, please email medical@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

9. Change to Medical Protocols – All – Information

We have changed our protocols within school around visits to the medical room. We will now be emailing parents regarding <u>every</u> visit to the medical room, whether this is due to injury or illness, with brief details of the visit. Please do not worry if you receive one of these emails – we will still call you for head bumps and if we have any concerns during the day relating to an accident or illness.

10. Staff Changes – All

We have had a few staff changes recently, with some existing staff members starting new roles within Chesswood Team and others joining the Chesswood Team.

New Starters



Keely Eldred has joined the Teaching Assistant team in Year 4! She is currently working in 4EV and we are really excited and happy to welcome her to the team.

Change in Role



We are happy to announce that Shaun Oliver will be joining the After School Club team after Easter. Mr Oliver is going to be working from the end of the school day until 4:30pm every day in After

School Club, alongside his usual teaching assistant role. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sandra Clements who has also secured a new role within After School Club, starting after Easter. Mrs Clements will be working from the end of the day until 6pm with the Club, alongside

her usual teaching assistant role. Well done!

11. Travel to Tokyo Challenge - All - Information

Chesswood Junior School will be taking part in Team GB and ParalympicsGB's virtual **Travel to Tokyo challenge** and we're encouraging the entire school community to join in too!

We have turned the school into 4 **Travel to Tokyo teams** and they will be making a 47,349 kilometre virtual journey around the world to reach Tokyo in time for the 2021 Olympic and Paralympic Games. All

you need to do is get active as a family and record your activity on our easy-to-use <u>Log Activity page</u> (https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity). Your child's team will be their school House — make sure you select the correct House on the Log Activity page to see which House gets to Tokyo first (or closest to it!!).

You can get started by trying some fun Travel to Tokyo activity ideas

(https://www.getset.co.uk/resources/travel-to-tokyo/indoor-activity). All the physical activity your family does will count towards our team journey. You don't need lots of equipment or space — playing in the park or having a dance off to your favourite song — if it gets your heart pumping, it all counts! There will also be great prizes to win, like fitness trackers and Games hampers for the whole family. You can keep track of our team's progress and check out the weekly prize on our School Dashboard (https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/school/chesswood-junior-school-bn11-2aa). Select their team to see their journey across the world!

Please send us photos and videos of you and your family getting active, so we can share how we're doing! #TTTYourWay via Twitter @chesswoodschool or email pe@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk
Another useful link: https://www.getset.co.uk/resources/how-to-log-activity

You'll need the school postcode to find the school – BN11 2AA – then select one of the Houses by clicking on the Team names (Ashdown, Epping, Kielder, Sherwood); this is the same as their House Point team.

WOW!

What a great start from Kielder House! 1 day in and they have already travelled to Paris! Which will be the next House to reach Paris? Will they manage it before Kielder get to Athens?



12. Summer Clubs 2021 – All – Sign Up Now!!

Sign up for summer 2021 clubs is now open and available to book via SchoolsBuddy. **Sign up has been extended to Tuesday 30**th **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

<u>sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=14693</u>. 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

Mr Quick and Mr Haggart have some **really fun** activities planned for these clubs so don't miss out! Get signed up today!

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

13. Computer Screen Background Competition Entries – Congratulations

Congratulations to Poppy Hills and Finley Ellis in 6BP for their entries into the Computer Screen Background Competition! You have both won 50HP each ©

14. British Science Week – All – Activity

We are 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. After School Club - All - Information



Did you know that our After School Club is fully open again to all Chesswood children and siblings from both Lyndhurst and Springfield Infant Schools? Bookings will soon be open on SchoolsBuddy for the Summer Term.

After School Club starts directly after school ends (running until 6pm) with a choice of snacks, outdoor play (weather permitting) followed by various activities such as arts & craft, cooking, board games and occasionally time on our Wii! As lockdown continues to ease we will be able to introduce more interactive activities.

If you would like to know more please contact our Wrap Around Care Manager, Kate Brown, on kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

16. Peripatetic Music Teachers

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

List of music and instrumental teachers



17. Aspire Online Family Learning Courses – All – Information

Please see the below information regarding some free online family learning courses, run by Aspire

Sussex, in April.



18. External Events



