



CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th June 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	22+ days	Grand Total
Confirmed Case			14	14
Not a case	5	2	295	302
Potential Case	1		107	108
Grand Total	6	2	416	424

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. Warm Weather Information – All – Please Read

As the weather is warming up outside, it is really important that good sun safety is maintained at home and in school.

- All pupils are allowed to wear their PE kit any day during the school week
- Children may wear hats, sunglasses and have suncream to apply during the school day if necessary
- Children should carry a water bottle with them to stay hydrated during the day
- Grey school shorts and school summer dresses can be worn, we have a number available to purchase at reduced rates in our pre-loved uniform stock

Please remember to apply suncream before school. If you wish to purchase uniform please email office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Please take the time to read the NHS Sun Safety guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

5. Clothes Recycling Scheme – All – Information



We are pleased to announce that Chesswood has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School on **Thursday 15th July 2021** in order to raise funds for our pond and wildlife area.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million. As well as raising vitally needed funds for Chesswood, it also helps the environment by helping to divert

unwanted textiles away from landfill. By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles – this can include adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bog2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Bag2School will be collecting from Chesswood on Thursday 15th July 2021. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the upper school or front playground collection points on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th July (by 9am at the latest) and help us have a really good collection. Many thanks for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

6. Summer Fayre Update & Friends of Chesswood News – ALL

Regrettably, following the Government announcement on Monday, we have had to cancel our Summer Fayre which was due to be held on Friday 2nd July. However, we are arranging an **Autumn Celebration on Friday 24th September 2021**. This will be open to families of current Year 6 children as well as our new Year 3 families. Please keep this date free in your diaries and we will update you with further information.

We will continue to run the **Summer Raffle** online (as we did with our Winter Raffle) with the Live Draw taking place on **Friday 9th July 2021** – we will send more details out about this separately.

Finally, we will be holding a **Euro Mufti Day on Thursday 1st July 2021** (please see poster below). Each class will be given a team from Euro 2020 and children may come to school wearing something related to that country, i.e. colours of the flag, etc. We would ask for a £1 donation which will go towards the Pond & Wildlife Garden.

Thank you.



7. Sports Day – All – Information

Sports Days will be going ahead this year for pupils, however due to restrictions not being lifted, we are unable to invite parents into school to watch the sports. Sports days are as follows:

- Monday 5th July – Year 5
- Tuesday 6th July – Year 3
- Thursday 8th July – Year 6
- Friday 9th July – Year 4

8. Transition Days – Information

Infant

Following the Government's delay in the final easing of Covid restrictions until at least Monday 19th July, we have made adjustments to our transition programme for current Year 2s. Springfield and Lyndhurst children will still visit Chesswood, but this will now be once for an outdoor assembly only. These will be on separate days for each infant school, so bubbles of children are not compromised. Year 2 children will not receive large group tours of inside the building and Year 2s will not spend the day at Chesswood as part of the traditional July transition day - instead, they will follow a virtual transition programme within their own schools. Parents of Year 2 children have been written to with further details of the revised transition programme for this year. We look forward to welcoming our new starters through these adapted events over the next few weeks. Further information for what we will do with children in school for transition day will follow.

Year 6

With secondary school around the corner, we have been busy with our transition support. We have met with all secondary schools to update them on the children joining them in September, and they are looking forward to welcoming your child. They will be liaising with parents directly around virtual sessions in place of the West Sussex transition day and some children will have bespoke transition arrangements. If this pertains to your child, then you will have had notification of such arrangements. We will also be delivering a comprehensive programme of support to ensure your children leave us feeling happy and confident about their next steps. This will include:

- Transition programme - this will entail classroom sessions on what to expect in secondary school including routines, timetables and expectations, (increased independence, self-management, and organisation); mental health and wellbeing support to build resilience; and work around healthy friendships and relationships with peers. We will also be celebrating the final leg of their Chesswood journey.
- 'Journal for the Journey' - this is a comprehensive transition booklet with activities and reflections that your child will be bringing home shortly. We will be setting some activities as homework ready for discussion in class.
- Online Transition Success programme - this is an exciting programme designed for parents and children to complete together at home. It includes 6 modules with videos and activities to help parents to support their children with getting prepared for secondary school, building resilience, and staying safe. More information to follow shortly.

9. Roman Day – Year 3

Our Year 3 students really enjoyed Roman Day on Wednesday! As well as dressing up in some fantastic costumes, each class took part in a virtual field trip, featuring a film and fantastic box of artefacts from The Novium Museum.



10. EasyFundraising – All – Information

If you sign up to support Friends of Chesswood School on EasyFundraising, they will give you a £5 shopping voucher once you have raised your first £5 – PLUS we will get a bonus £5 donation – it's win, win! It's simple to join and you can raise FREE donations whenever you shop online with over 5,200 retailers. Sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofchesswoodschool/?invite=U162S3&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=ew5sharebox



11. Year 5 Fire Service Visit

This week, Year 5 have had the second of three visits from Worthing Fire Service. The classes had a great time finding out all about the Fire Service, the many different jobs that they do, all the equipment they need and most importantly how to stay safe in the event of a fire. All of the children really enjoyed getting to see the fire engines and the huge range of equipment that the Fire Service staff use.



12. Radio 2's Big Bee Challenge – All – Activity

BBC Radio 2 are running a lovely competition this month called the Big Bee Challenge. Children entering the competition need to paint, sketch or draw a garden that is designed with bees and pollinating insects in mind, as well as humans using the garden, and to write three to five sentences about their design. As a school, we'd really like to encourage as many of our children as possible to enter it, as it is a great opportunity to learn more about bees and the other insects that help to provide much of the food that we eat, as well as being essential for a healthy environment. It does also link quite nicely with some of our Science curriculum work across the school.

To find out more, and for lots of tips and ideas that will help you, please follow this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09j4g1m>



13. Wildflowers – All – Information

You may remember we recently planted some wildflower seeds for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Wildflower Project. Our flowers have now bloomed at the front of the school, and they look fantastic!



14. External Events



If you're new to cooking or want to gain confidence in the kitchen then this course is for you! Learn to create simple, delicious dishes that are healthy and budget-friendly, whilst growing your knowledge around healthy eating and reducing your food waste.

WHEN

Every Thursday
10 June - 15 July
10am - 12pm

WHO

Residents of Adur & Worthing

WHERE

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