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## 1. 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	3	3	1	5	12
Not a case	5	8		212	225
Potential Case	17	8	1	66	92
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>329</b>

**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>

## 2. Latest Correspondence – All – Information

<b>Keeping up to speed</b>	
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	<a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+Correspondence&amp;pid=176">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+Correspondence&amp;pid=176</a>
Newsletter from previous academic years may be found at	<a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Previous+Academic+Year+Newsletters&amp;pid=1007">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Previous+Academic+Year+Newsletters&amp;pid=1007</a>
You may find all current term correspondence for the whole school	<a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Current+Term+Correspondence&amp;pid=780">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Current+Term+Correspondence&amp;pid=780</a>
Current and previous correspondence for specific year groups	
Year 3	<a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+3+Correspondence&amp;pid=180">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+3+Correspondence&amp;pid=180</a>
Year 4	<a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+4+Correspondence&amp;pid=177">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+4+Correspondence&amp;pid=177</a>
Year 5	<a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+5+Correspondence&amp;pid=178">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+5+Correspondence&amp;pid=178</a>
Year 6	<a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+6+Correspondence&amp;pid=179">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+6+Correspondence&amp;pid=179</a>

## 3. Lockdown Learning – All – Information

From Thursday 7th January, these will be the key pages to guide children in their daily learning. Class teachers will be updating daily, setting activities across all relevant areas of the curriculum. We will seek to engage children as much as possible, providing email access to class teachers so that key work can be submitted, or advice sought if required. If closure is prolonged, we will set up class pages to celebrate quality outcomes from each class. This can be found by visiting [HOME > LEARNING > HOME LEARNING > DAILY LEARNING – SPRING 2021](#) then selecting the relevant year group. From here, you can navigate to each specific year group page. This will include tasks uploaded each day.

## 4. 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](mailto: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.

## 5. Parent's Evening – All – Information

Parents Evening on the 19th & 21st January 2021 will still go ahead, but parents will be contacted by phone at the time slots booked on the SchoolsBuddy system. If you have not already booked a time, please do so by Wednesday 13th January. Should you require any assistance with this please contact [trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk) or call 01903 204141.

## 6. 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



The poster features a large yellow checkmark on a black background with the text 'SUSSEX TEACHER OF THE YEAR' in white. Below this, it says 'Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards 2021' in white and yellow. The main text reads 'Let your colleagues know how much they are appreciated!' in bold black letters, followed by 'You can nominate ANY member of school staff as we want to celebrate all of you' in smaller black text. At the bottom, it says 'proudly delivered by KM CHARITY TEAM Celebrating 20 years' with a logo featuring balloons and the number 20. The footer includes the slogan 'Giving Children the Knowledge and Motivation to be the best they can be' and the call to action 'Enter a nomination today! KMCHARITYTEAM.CO.UK/TOTY'.

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/](http://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.

## 7. Laptops Wanted! – All – Action

We are well aware that demand for technology and access to the internet is heightened at the moment due to a large number of the Chesswood community learning from home.

Understandably it can be quite difficult in some households for Chesswood children to access the home learning.

Do you have a spare/unused/slow/broken/unwanted/old laptop or tablet device gathering dust on a shelf or in a cupboard at home? If so, we are offering a few options of what can happen with these devices.

If you need a working laptop at home to enable your child to do online home learning but have a poorly/not working device we can review, possibly fix the device and then give it back to you.

Or

If you have a device you don't need in any condition, would you be prepared to donate the laptop to us to give to someone who has not got one.

If you do please contact Mr Miller at [bmiller@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:bmiller@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk) or call the school and select option 2 for IT.

For any donated devices we will review, wipe the laptop and prepare it to go to Chesswood children to help them access home learning when they otherwise wouldn't have been able to. Even if we can't use the laptop, we will be able to recycle it.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and we'll give you a shout out in the newsletter for your generosity!

## 8. History Project Congratulations

Chesswood have taken part in South Downs Schools Living History Project where the aim is to encourage children to engage with their local area through interviews with relatives, as well as exploring to find old landmarks they didn't know existed. 6RW have done brilliantly with Buddy and Jasper interviewing grandparents about their experiences of the local South Downs area and Worthing. Well done to both boys for these thoughtful accounts - 100hp!! This competition is ongoing until the end of February half term holiday - details can be found on the Chesswood History page. <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=History&pid=66>

HISTORY

FANTASTIC ENTRY!!!! 100HP

*A huge well done to Jasper in 6RW for his interview with his Nan. It was lovely to see them keeping in contact and sharing what they both know of Chesswood and the areas surrounding. Did you know that there used to be a swimming pool in Heene Road or that our school field was a stables?*



## 9. Chesswood Teams Calls Success!

Our trial of using Teams meetings to get the classes together – both home learners and those in school – was a resounding success.

Teachers attempted to get their whole class to interact through a range of ideas, such as poetry, games and sharing messages from home and school. There were inevitable teething problems as staff and pupils learned how to use the technology on a mass scale, however, year leaders were impressed with the turnout and engagement shown – the children seemed delighted to see class members again who they had not seen this term.

There is another planned meeting for each year group next week and leaders will be discussing how else we can use this technology to keep the classes together through this lockdown period.

Well done everyone involved for making it a success!

Mr Yelling



## 10. Chesswood Bright Sparks

A huge well done to two Chesswood Bright Sparks this week!

First, we have Miley in Year 5 who has set out to raise funds for children in Ghana to access education. Miley's focus is to walk every day, everywhere! We are really proud that Miley is demonstrating the Bright Sparks code in action. If you'd like to know more about, or support, Miley's selfless quest to help others, please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kathryn-Proudfoot>



Our second Bright Spark this week is Poppy in Year 4. Poppy recently had her hair cut – a whole 30 centimetres (12 inches or a foot!). Poppy had researched this with her mum and she donated her fairy tale long blonde hair to The Little Princess Trust, who make wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer treatments, or other illnesses. In just over a week, she raised £330.



Once again, such a little person with such a big heart – what a great role model for all. Poppy has ticked so many parts of our Bright Sparks code.

Both Miley and Poppy have been awarded Community Spirit Awards – of which few have ever been awarded. We are very proud of both girls. Well done!

## 11. Blue Peter on YouTube – All – Information

The Blue Peter Team have been in touch to inform us that they have launched Blue Peter on YouTube at CBBC. You may be interested in this for entertainment outside of home schooling hours now we are in lockdown. Blue Peter is the longest running children's TV show in the world, and they will be uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how-to's, inspirational films, gamely, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge. Behind the scenes footage and extra content about the incredible presenters Adam, Lindsay, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.



If you'd like to watch the videos, don't forget to subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5:00pm every Thursday, or on BBC iPlayer.