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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	6	12
Not a case	2	11	8	212	233
Potential Case	4	11	8	67	90
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>335</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. Anxiety & Returning to School After Lockdown

West Sussex Mind are holding a live, interactive virtual workshop for people living and working with children and young people, to help manage worries and anxieties around returning to school after lockdown. After a number of weeks, maybe months for some, returning to school will be a challenge for our children and young people, and many are already feeling anxious. This interactive virtual workshop will help you as you support your child – with practical tips on easing anxiety before they return, on their first day back and throughout the first month.

Dates and links:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm -8pm, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anxiety-and-returning-to-school-after-lockdown-virtual-event-tickets-137646511421>

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12pm, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anxiety-and-returning-to-school-after-lockdown-virtual-event-tickets-137651059023>

## 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 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. Absence Reporting – All – Information

Please can we remind parents to contact the school in the event of a child's absence from school.

Please can we ask that you do not contact your child's teacher directly; or, if you feel you need to, please also copy in [office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Absence may also be reported via the StudyBugs app or via email.

## 9. Live Exercises with the PE Team – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – All – Information

Starting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, from 10:55am-11:30am, to help you along with your #20/21 Exercise Challenge you are all completing at home – the PE team are going to put on a series of interactive sessions on Wednesday mornings.

**For the sessions you will need the following:**

- A rolled-up pair of socks or a small ball (tennis ball)
- A cushion or larger ball (such as a football/netball/rugby/basketball)
- 2x tins of food or small hand weights

(if you haven't got any of the above handy don't worry – just join in anyway!)

**Some space** – it doesn't need to be a big space, about 2 or 3m long and wide enough to move your arms and legs about.

Some of the activities will be fitness-based and others will be around co-ordination and skill.

The action will start at 11am but we want you to be ready at 10:55am so we can say hello to you all.

All pupils have been sent the teams invite for the event – the PE team have created a little video to encourage the children to take part, which can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/3y9j13EDBbI>

See you soon!