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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	1		3	9	13
Not a case	2	2	14	220	238
Potential Case	1	4	8	75	88
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>339</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>

## 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	<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>

## 2. 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.

## 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](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.

## 4. Year 6 Bristol Residential – July 2021

Following our message last week, we have now been advised that the Youth Hostel in Bristol will not be re-opening until August 2021. Regrettably this means that the Year 6 residential in July **has now been cancelled**. We know that children will be disappointed by this, but the Year 6 team will be making plans for other exciting activities to be carried out during that week so that there is a fabulous finish to their time at Chesswood. For parents we think it is helpful to have this confirmation sooner rather than later and we can now arrange for monies paid to be refunded to you. Unfortunately, our system does not allow us to refund monies electronically so refunds will need to be made by cheque. We have set up a form on the school website for parents to confirm whom the cheque should be made payable to. The form can be found under latest correspondence or by clicking here <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bFAfoynHwUaT1tnJfpJx9znFnlyQ8RFOoxbjRj3nrPZUMFVNQkE3QVYQjRDQkFITFBTVEQ1SkVNUy4u>. As soon as we receive your information, we will arrange for a refund to be made. If your child is currently in school, then the cheque will be handed to your child at the end of the school day. If your child is not in school, then it will be sent by post to the primary address on our school system. We will aim to return the monies to you as quickly as we can but please bear with us due to the numbers involved.

### Current Year 5 parents

As you may be aware, there is usually a residential trip to Bristol at the beginning of Year 6. As you can see above, the trip for the current Year 6 children which was postponed from September 2020 to July 2021 has unfortunately now been cancelled. We made a provisional booking for September 2021 as the trip takes months to be prepared but a decision has now been made to postpone the trip from September 2021 to July 2022. This is due partly to the Youth Hostel only operating a phased opening from August 2021 but also to allow parents more time to make a decision and prepare for the trip. We will send a letter out to Year 5 parents giving details of the residential during the summer term and will then hold a presentation for parents at the beginning of the Autumn term in September 2021.

Should you have any queries concerning either trip please contact our trip co-ordinator Kate Brown on [kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk).

## 5. Free School Meals – All in School

If your child is currently attending school, they are entitled to a free school meal even if they wouldn't usually be. If you would like your child to have a free hot school meal, please email [office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## 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. Live PE Session – All – Well Done!

Well done to the 300+ children who took part in the live PE session. The PE team look forward to seeing everyone again next week! Remember to log in to Teams at 10:55am next Wednesday for the next session.



## 8. Celebration of Learning Wall – All

Well done to everyone who received certificates this week – we have now updated our celebration of learning wall outside Mr Jolley's office so next time you are passing take a look and find your name! 😊



## 9. Fuel Hardship Grant

Financial support is available for families who are struggling to pay their bills this winter. The County Council is working with Citizens Advice to offer a DWP Covid Winter Grant Scheme for families in need across West Sussex.

If you need to be referred, please email [office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk)

The closing date for this funding is 31ST MARCH 2021.

The grant can be used for a range of things, from paying gas, electric and water bills, boiler repairs, purchasing blankets, slow cookers, heaters. Other help may be mobile phone top ups, energy advice, benefit checks referrals for specialist debt advice.

The criteria for who can apply is broad and includes;

- Families who have had to claim Universal Credit and don't have significant savings
- Families on Universal Credit, home schooling and worried about heating their home
- Families in debt and struggling to pay their gas or other bills
- Care leavers on a low income
- People with disabilities who are worried about putting their heating on.

For any queries, enquiries or if you need to be referred, please contact the school on [office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## 10. Children's Mental Health Week – All

Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week** and this year's theme is **Express Yourself!**  
We'll be providing some lovely lessons and activities for children and families to enjoy, so keep your eyes peeled! 🧐



February also brings us **LGBT+ History Month**, so again, keep a lookout for further information and resources coming your way!





**In a bag**

**"The Boy Jesus at the Temple"**

**Tuesday 9th February**

**3.30-4.30pm**

**In St George's Church Car Park  
St George's Road, BN11 2DS.**

**Come along to collect your bag on  
your daily walk. All guidelines will be  
adhered to for your safety.**

**For further details contact  
Kathryn Hughes-Burton 07594608590**

**[www.stgw.org.uk](http://www.stgw.org.uk)**