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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	11	2	3	249	265
Potential Case	8	1	4	95	108
Grand Total	19	5	7	356	387

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.
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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. IMPORTANT UPDATES – ALL – PLEASE READ

COVID SYMPTOM REPORTING

All families are asked to continue the normal reporting arrangements in the event that they develop COVID symptoms, until Saturday 3rd April. We would ask families to provide an initial alert so we can prepare our communication to other families; undertake the test and confirm the test outcomes as soon as possible using our online form. This may be as late as Wednesday 7th April.

Wherever symptoms develop from Sunday 4th April, there is no need to inform school, it will not affect the school community as more than 48 hours will have elapsed, which is the recognised incubation period.

Year 3 Arrival Arrangements – from Monday 19th March

From Monday 19th March ALL Year 3 children will enter school using the Chesswood Road pedestrian entrance. We are making this change as a small step towards normality as the COVID risks continue to fall. It is important that all families respect the 'No waiting or queueing' and 'drop and go' concepts. With more @approximately 500+ children and adults using the space within a 20 minute period dropping off

and collection continues to be one of the highest areas of risk for transmission but it is easily reduced when every family follows the practice of 'no waiting or queueing' and 'drop and go'.

Year 4-6 Arrival Arrangements– from Monday 19th March

To reduce pressure and queuing at the Ladydell road entrance we ask that all children walking past the Chesswood road pedestrian entrance, to use that entrance. Staff will guide children into the Chesswood road pedestrian entrance if they are passing. We know that this little bit of liberty has been enjoyed by children who like meet at Ladydell Road. However, children will meet immediately on their playground when entering from the Chesswood Road entrance and it will reduce pressure and queuing at the Ladydell Road entrance.

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. Summer Clubs 2021

You should have now received confirmation of your child's space via SchoolsBuddy, starting on week commencing 19th April.

Year 3 Summer Fun Sports – Monday

Year 4 Summer Fun Sports – Thursday

Year 5 Summer Fun Sports – Tuesday

Year 6 Summer Fun Sports – Friday

When collecting your child at 4.15pm please enter at the Chesswood Road entrance and wait in a socially distanced area on the front playground. The children will come round to the front playground to be dismissed to you. After collecting your child, please leave the school site by the pedestrian entrance on Chesswood Road and give priority to those entering the site and ensure the gate is clear for you to leave. If your child is walking home by themselves and are below Year 5 please inform Mr Quick or Mr Haggart in advance on pe@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk they will also be leaving via the Chesswood Road entrance.

For those children who are attending afternoon interventions you should have received an individual invite for a separate club, if you require any help with this please email pe@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk Just a reminder this is an active club and expect all pupils to be actively taking part at all times.

8. Smarties Fundraiser – All – Information

During the Easter holidays long-awaited work will commence in the lower school playground to create a new pond with a nature and wildlife area, with funds which have been raised by Friends of Chesswood (our PTA) over the past couple of years. New trees and shrubs are being planted which should attract birds and other wildlife. We would like to raise further funds to build a bird hide so that the children can watch the birds and wildlife.



To do this we are holding a Smarties Fundraiser. Each child will be given a tube of smarties to bring home. We would then encourage them to be good citizens and carry out tasks for friends and family over the Easter holidays in exchange for coins (of any amount) which can be put in their smarties tubes. Please then return the smarties tubes by Friday 23rd April, with the child's name and class written on them to the class teachers. Housepoints will be awarded for the most tasks carried out in each class. All funds raised will go towards the Bird Hide.

If you do not wish to take part, just enjoy the smarties. ☺



9. Chartwells Information – All – Information

The new Chartwells menu has been uploaded to the website, please visit <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=14594> to view it. This menu starts from the week commencing 26/04/2021. Additionally, please see information below around a vacancy that has arisen within Chartwells:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?
If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!
Positions are available in and around the Worthing area, term time only.
Hours range from 7.5 hours to 16.25 hours, 5 days a week.
Appropriate training will be given and smart uniform will be provided.

For more information please contact Sarah Chamberland
Area Supervisor on 07917326817
or email diane.martin@compass-group.co.uk.

Kind Regards
Chartwells



10. Travel to Tokyo Challenge – All – Information

After one week of the House challenge the teams have raced across Europe already visiting Paris and Athens and are on their way over to Atlanta over the Atlantic Ocean.

Positions at the moment and distances covered:

1st - Epping - 5942km

2nd - Kielder - 5375km

3rd - Sherwood - 4322km

4th - Ashdown - 2881km

5th - Staff Team - 1017km (we started later than the children!!)

Remember to log your activity on <https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity> Use the School Post Code BN11 2AA and select the correct team. Who will get to Tokyo first???



If you have any photos or videos of being active please send them to pe@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk or @chesswoodschool on Twitter and use #TTTyourway

Well done Luke in Year 4 for supporting Epping House by cycling!

[Get Set Tokyo | Travel to Tokyo - Log Activity](https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity)

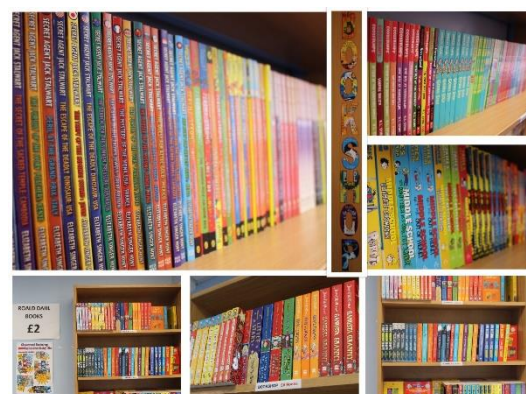
Travel to Tokyo is a programme for schools designed to help children and their families to get active together, try new things and most importantly: have fun.

www.getset.co.uk

11. Chesswood Bookshop – All – Information

Did you know Chesswood has a bookshop?

Children are free to browse; we have a selection of Roald Dahl books, Goosebumps series, Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series, David Walliams books, the Barry Loser series and so many more! If you have any requests, or for price queries please email office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk and we can see if the book is in stock and/ or can be ordered in for you. More information will follow after Easter.



12. Online Workshop on Social Anxiety in Children and Young People – All – Information

West Sussex Mind are running an interactive online workshop for parents, carers and families on social anxiety in children and young people:

“Social anxiety (sometimes referred to as social phobia) is a growing problem for a large number of children and young people and many are reporting feeling increasingly anxious as lockdown restrictions ease.

If you're concerned that a child or young person you care for may be suffering from social anxiety, you are warmly invited to join us for this interactive online workshop for parents, carers and family members. We will look at the warning signs to look out for, strategies and resources that you and your child can use to help manage their social anxiety and what to avoid doing to make



things worse.

The 2 hour workshop takes place on **Tuesday 13th April at 10am.**

We limit the number of people attending these sessions to allow opportunities for parents and carers to ask questions and share their own experiences in a safe and supportive environment. If you would like to attend, please book your place today to avoid disappointment.

Please note that other family members or caregivers over the age of 18 (grandparents, adult siblings etc.) are welcome to attend this workshop.

Tickets are only £5 for families in West Sussex thanks to funding from West Sussex County Council and West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group. If you are struggling financially but would like to attend, please email us at training@westsussexmind.org

13. Worthing Cricket Club – Under 10s – Information

Mr Hicks will be running the Under 10s Cricket for Worthing Cricket Club (up to Year 5); please see the attached poster. This is softball cricket; training will be on Monday evenings and games will be Saturday mornings. For further information please see the information below, or email Mr Hicks on thicks@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk



Junior Cricket @ Worthing CC

The Manor Ground, Georgina Ave., Worthing, BN14 8AZ
worthingcc.com @worthingcc

5 to 8 years old from Saturday 8th May

- From 10am for 60 minutes
- Sessions run over eight weeks
- For Boys and Girls
- Chance to play, learn great new skills
- Make new friends!
- Register at ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars and receive bag, cap, bat, ball, t-shirt and all eight sessions for only £40!

9 to 16 years old from Monday 19th April

- From 6pm until 7.30pm until Monday 19th July
- Cricket practice for Boys and Girls
- Run by professional coaches in a safe and inclusive environment
- Separate sessions for U10 soft-ball
- U11 to U16 hard ball
- Chance to learn cricket and even play for a team!

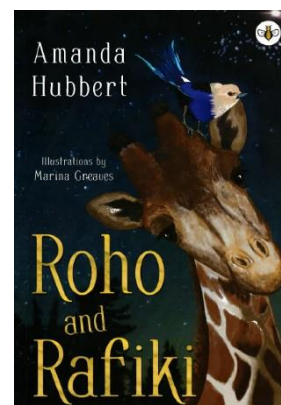
PARENTS' INFO MEETING & MEET THE COACHES MONDAY 19TH APRIL @ 7.30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION CHECK OUR WEBSITE @ WORTHINGCC.COM OR CALL JOHN KAYE ON 07961 980477

14. Roho and Rafiki – All – Information

Amanda Hubbert, who was a parent to a child at Chesswood up until last year, has written and published a children's book! It is called 'Roho and Rafiki' and tells the story of two zoo animals who become friends; one has a magical power, and they go on an adventure in the zoo! It can be purchased directly from the publisher


<https://olympiapublishers.com/books/roho-and-rafiki>; ISBN 978-1-83934-170-0.



15. This Week At Chesswood...

Year 4 have been making stir fry this week – feedback across Year 4 has been incredibly positive and everyone has enjoyed making (and eating) it!





We hope everyone
has an enjoyable
and restful Easter
break! We look
forward to seeing
everyone back on
Monday 19th April

