

# Year 2 Transfer 2022

## Parent

### Frequently Asked Questions





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Question	Basis for answer	School Response
Question posted to school by parent	Confidence in answer from head teacher	Head teacher response to question

### 1. Master

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<p><b>Related Questions</b></p> <p>The following questions are believed to be similar and answered fully by the question above – if that is not the case please contact head teacher <a href="mailto:head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk">head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</a></p>		

### 2. Transition Arrangements

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
<b>When do we apply for breakfast and after school club?</b>	Best Possible Estimate	We are in the process of changing booking systems – we will communicate with you how to book places for wrap around care as soon as possible. In the meantime, please check our website by clicking <a href="#">here</a> to find more information.

### 3. Individual child traits

Question	Basis for answer	Reference
<b>My child is currently having a dyslexia screening test. Will this be followed up when my child starts Chesswood?</b>	Certain	Yes absolutely. The infant schools share comprehensive information with us as part of our transition process. We will screen all children for dyslexia within the first half term and repeat this in Year 5. We will share the outcomes of these screeners with you.

### 4. Life at Chesswood

Question	Basis for answer	Reference
<b>Will my child be with close friends?</b>	Certain	Each child joining us from Lyndhurst or Springfield has made 3 friendship choices. In some cases, further friendship choices have been required for instance if a child that had been selected is no longer coming to Chesswood. This is to give everyone the best possible chance to be with a friend. We guarantee each child will be with at least one friend – in some cases they may have 2 or all 3 friendship choices granted, but the minimum we can guarantee is 1 choice.



<b><i>Are good friendships encouraged and not so good ones monitored?</i></b>	Certain	We will support children in establishing positive friendships when they join us in September. Where extra support is needed, we will provide this through our pastoral team – for instance if a child is struggling to make friends, maintain friendships or is part of a friendship that is quite toxic.
<b><i>Will we have the ability to communicate with teachers directly via email if we need to update them about anything or have any concerns? Equally will the teachers communicate with us regularly as required and not wait for a parents evening?</i></b>	Certain	Communication is a key part to a positive and successful school experience for our families. Each teacher has a school email address, which will be shared with parents when you child's class and teacher is confirmed at the start of July. Parents are also welcome to speak face to face with teachers at drop-off and collection times. There are 3 parents' evenings across the school year - one in each term. Please rest assured that teachers will be proactive in communicating with parents prior to these if needed.
<b><i>Do they have the same teacher for all subjects or will they have a variety of teachers during the school year?</i></b>	Certain	There will be one class which is shared between 2 teachers - one will teach the class for 2 days and another will teach the class for 3 days. Teachers will be confirmed at the start of July. Aside from this, children are routinely taught by their teacher for the vast majority of subjects. The exceptions being Music and PE, which are taught by specialist teachers.
<b><i>Do they have a weekly timetable?</i></b>	Certain	Classes typically follow a set timetable from week to week with certain sessions needing to take place at the same time each week - such as Music, PE and Computing, due to the need to access specialist teachers or equipment. Assemblies also are scheduled in at regular times. Aside from this - children will typically have an hour of Maths and Writing a day - other subjects will vary based on the topics being covered - for instance in one term children may have Geography weekly, whilst in another they could have History instead. Your child's teacher will share their typical timetable with you
<b><i>How much homework will the children be set?</i></b>	Certain	The current homework requirements are weekly and don't require a set amount each day. The stipulation at the moment is <b>MUST</b> : 30 minutes reading x 5 per week, 20-30 mins Numbots/TTR, learn spellings (no time limit), <b>SHOULD</b> : 20-30 mins each IXL maths & English, <b>COULD</b> : optional. The Numbots, TT and IXL times are not daily, moreover these are across the week - they could be completed in one block, or broken into shorter groups across the week. We run a homework club on 4 days a week to support families who struggle to routinely complete homework. Homework is set each Friday on Teams – we will show children and parents how to access this in September. You can view more information on homework by clicking <a href="#">here</a> . We don't impose sanctions for non-completion of homework but will offer support to assist completion, such as inclusion in homework club.
<b><i>Related Questions</i></b>		Are there any sanctions given for not completing homework? Are children given support when they start at Chesswood to





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<p><b><i>I notice you are quite focused on school attendance awards, do you, or will you in future consider personalised targets?</i></b></p>	<p>Certain</p> <p>Within school we offer support with attendance where needed – for instance if a child struggles to come in in the morning, we may offer a support group with a member of the pastoral team to help ease them into school in the morning. Our focus is on ensuring children’s attendance is at least 96%. Children have the opportunity to earn certificates for attendance and if needed would be given support and personalised targets as appropriate. You can find more information on attendance &amp; punctuality by clicking <a href="#">here</a> and support offered for Emotional Based School Avoidance by clicking <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b><i>Are the children allowed to take part in the afterschool clubs as soon as they start or do they have to wait a term to settle in before these are offered to them?</i></b></p>	<p>Certain</p> <p>Yes they are – we will share details in September regarding which clubs are on offer and how to book these. Some clubs are year group specific. You can view more information on our clubs, including which clubs were on offer most recently by clicking <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b><i>are you able to change to paid hot meals if you decided to start with packed lunches initially but then change your mind?</i></b></p>	<p>Certain</p> <p>Yes absolutely! Typically meals are ordered 2 weeks in advance – but it’s possible to make changes throughout the year. You can find more details on ordering hot meals by clicking <a href="#">here</a>.</p>