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1. Introduction

We have been presented with some unprecedented challenges in the past week and everyone has been faced with “unknowns”. We have taken the view that unless directed otherwise we will make best efforts to change the unknowns to knowns based on the best information available at the time. We may very well be wrong at times but we can change and adapt in the face of such challenges.

We have invited questions from parents to help us form the best response to the things that are your “unknowns”. We will open a similar process for children to answer their questions. In doing both of these we hope that we can:

- Reduce the anxieties and worries held by families
- Move to the “New Normal” as quickly as possible and get the learning machine back up and running in the shortest possible time.
- Recognise opportunities quickly and respond effectively to changing circumstances in support children and families.

The question, queries and concerns process will remain up and running in the coming weeks and we will update this document. We expect this document to capture all questions and answers in this period.

For this to work there are a number of values that we are going to need to rely on:

Value	Great Quote
Positivity	The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do. Kobe Bryant A positive atmosphere nurtures a positive attitude, which is required to take positive action. Richard M. DeVos
Team Work	Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. Vince Lombardi
Hard work and determination	The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand. Vince Lombardi
Perseverance	Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. Pele
Courage	Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear. Mark Twain

This is a massive challenge for everyone and a challenge that will affect each individual differently; but each individual, young and older can be on the same team and act as one. The Chesswood school community can make that difference here and now, modelling the values above in the face of the challenges faced by all.

Yours faithfully



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2. The Essentials

Area	Summary
Web link	
Key worker	If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision	
Frequently Asked Questions	We have invited questions from parents to help us form the best response to the things that are your “unknowns”. Please read the comprehensive frequently asked questions document. If your question is not answered within it, use the electronic form– we update this document every 24 hours.
https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID+19+%2D+Corona+virus+updates&pid=330	
Easter Opening	<p>We are making arrangements for Easter opening for children. This will be for key workers or where there are exceptional needs and respite care is required by a family e.g. Education, Health Care Plan or a child protection plan. This facility will only be open to children where it is absolutely necessary.</p> <p>If you believe the above applies to your current circumstances then please complete the online form by Thursday 26th March 5p.m., in the first instance, so that we can arrange appropriate staffing. If there is some difficulty completing the online form i.e. you are not yet aware of your shift pattern please complete ‘free text box’ to explain – we will accept your best guess and understand this may very well change – everything else is at the moment! Either way, there are more important things to be concerned about so we will be open and if the above criteria applies your child will have a place, this will include short notice changes.</p>
https://bit.ly/3abU5kl	
Breakfast and after school care clubs	Breakfast club and after school care club is available where absolutely necessary. Please email kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk should you wish to book either breakfast or after school these will now be free for keyworkers but must only be used when absolutely necessary.
Please email kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk	



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School Opening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. Schools are responsible for providing places to vulnerable children, and children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response. 2. It is important to underline that schools, remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures?utm_source=94b38651-cf81-4ef5-84d7-82c902c448f7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily	

School Meals	<p>Children attending limited community service currently – all children are able to secure a lunch, free of charge, each day until the end of this week. Please let the school office know office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p> <p>After this week, if a child needs a school meal parents should order and pay using the normal Chartwells online ordering system.</p> <p>Free School Meals – any child eligible for free school meals, whether they are normally claimed or not, is eligible for a hamper. The delivery of these hampers to school will start tomorrow. If you would like a hamper to collect from school premises and you are well enough to collect please confirm by email: office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk; or contact the school by phone 01903 204141. We will contact every family eligible for free school meals if we don't hear from you by Thursday 26th March 8:00 a.m. The food hampers will be sufficient for 5 days.</p>
office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk	

Questions	<p>Should you have any questions, queries or concerns that relate to Chesswood Junior School and Covid 19 arrangements please read our frequently asked questions guide (there have been many questions posed already – we have tried to answer each and every one as clearly as possible)</p> <p>It is updated daily and given the rapidly changing nature of national arrangements there will sometimes be some discrepancy between our previous answers and new updated guidance. For this reason we have included the date and time of the school response.</p>
https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID+19+%2D+Corona+virus+updates&pid=330	



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**Contact with
teaching teams**

Should you have any questions specific to learning tasks set as part of the daily home learning arrangements please use the appropriate email for your child's year group below – a team of teachers and TAs monitors this throughout the day.

Should you wish to send your child's wonderful work to us, please email your child's class teacher - the one they had before all this craziness began!

Y3support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Y4support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Y5support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Y6support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk



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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

3. School Closure & Limited Community Opening

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
<i>Should we collect medicines from school?</i> <i>24/03/2020 16:42</i>	Certain	Any child that will not be in school from Monday will need to take their medication home. We would ask parents to collect this from reception either on Friday or by arrangement in the coming week. Any child not returning but has made use of the limited community opening – parent must arrange to collect medication from school office – medication may only handed from adult to adult.
<i>How long will the school be closed for?</i> <i>19/03/2020 14:33</i>	Government announcement	The prime minister was announced schools would be closed until further notice. We are led entirely by the governments response to this Pandemic. Our best estimate is it is unlikely to reopen before June 1 st . Our plans are in place to provide distance learning support for the coming months, not weeks.
<i>Should children clear their lockers?</i> <i>24/03/2020 16:44</i>	Certain	All children attending school will clear their lockers and take all belongings home. Children attending school on Monday will bring their belongings e.g. PE kit. They may have a different locker allocated. We intend to sanitise all lockers during this period. All children that are currently self-isolating will make arrangements to collect belongings when that comes to an end in the coming weeks. Any child not returning but has made use of the limited community opening – should undertake the above on their last day in school.
<i>I am a key worker for the NHS</i> <i>Please can you clarify the situation with my child still attending school</i> <i>24/03/2020 16:59</i>	Certain	All NHS staff required to work will have spaces for their children from Monday 23 rd March. Part time or full time. All key workers need to register using the links below whether you need cover now, at Easter or after Easter: Please refer to letter detailing arrangements for limited community opening https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID+19+%2D+Corona+virus+updates&pid=330 Complete the key worker information at the link below: https://bit.ly/2whk2Ah



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		<p>Complete the Easter opening information at: https://bit.ly/3abU5kl</p> <p>Updated key worker reference list https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision</p>
		<p>Although we are not classed as essential workers we do look after people with acute and chronic pain and therefore wish to continue to stop our patients being a further burden on the NHS.</p> <p>Me&my husband work in NHS,(key worker),But are managing child care for now as I work nights& husband work day& make sure our child care is sorted...but in view of covid as a nurse... we might get called to work anytime....& that will be the only time that i might need to send my child to school. (Husband work in hospital catering).We want to keep our kids at home as much as possible if we can.but also want to make sure that if we have to...hopefully school can also accomodate our son.</p> <p>I am a key worker support worker providing 24/7 support for supported housing. Can I register my child to attend school on the days I need to work. How does this work? Thanks</p> <p>I've just found out I'm on the key workers list. We dont need help for next 2 weeks but might in future when I'm out of isolation and back to work.</p> <p>Wasn't sure if needed to register</p>
<p><i>Will children of key workers be able to attend community school on varying days each week? Shift workers don't work every weekday so wouldn't need to use valuable resources every day. 25/03/2020 11:37</i></p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>There will be three distinct groups that form from Monday 23rd March.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The home learning group 2. The limited community service group 3. Bespoke learning packs <p>The structure for the groups will be quite different and learning will not be the same in any of the three.</p> <p>From Tuesday 24th</p> <p>School attendance must only be when <u>absolutely necessary.</u></p> <p>Key Workers: A child may attend school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A designated key worker is required in work, at any time, during the same school day (8:50 to 15:15) or has finished a night shift the preceding night. It is helpful if children attend all day (8:50 – 3:15) regardless of shift length or timing. and • No other responsible adult, whom they live with, is at home (whether they are home-working or not). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the case of families that are separated and a child regularly (at least weekly) spends time with another parent and they are home when the key worker is undertaking a shift, we would ask that the child uses that base rather than attend the



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		<p>school environment (whether they are home-working or not), unless it is absolutely necessary. We would hope families will be flexible in this regard to minimise school attendance.</p> <p>It is important that families do not worry about our capacity or feel guilty in any way if their child needs to attend school. We have capacity and are ready to welcome every single child where it is absolutely necessary. If there are other exceptional circumstances that are not covered or leave you with unanswered questions in relation to this specific change and arrangement please email me directly: head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk;</p> <p>These conditions would not apply during school holidays when the school will be open for key workers – it will simply be run as a holiday club with limited structure.</p>
<p>Related Questions 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 head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p>		<p>I am a part time teacher and so may need a mix of home school and community school, would this be a viable option?</p> <p>With the closure coming will my son need to come to school still as his mother is a teacher so a key worker.</p> <p>I work as a part time health care assistant at the hospital. I normally just work weekends but occasionally have to work during the week. So would we just send our children into school on the days we were working? Or commit to all week? I don't necessarily work the same week days each week either.</p> <p>Can I opt to put my child into school for 2 days a week?</p> <p>I am a teaching assistant. The school where I work have asked if I can work at least a morning, so we can all work on a rota system for our frontline staff. So, if it's at all possible could my child please attend Monday or Tuesday, please? I also have a son with an EHCP who can attend his school on these days.</p>
<p>my husband is a key worker (ambulance service) on night shift and has to sleep during the day. We have a small house, could our child come to school as I will not be able to take him outside it will be hard to keep quiet for 6 hours. 24/03/2020 16:37</p>	<p>Best Professional Judgement</p>	<p>Yes. We are aware of complications with night shift working and children being at home being children when sleep is required, especially for frontline NHS staff. Under these circumstances child will be allowed to school for full days following each night shift.</p>
<p>When/how will we find out if our children are accepted into community childcare? 20/03/2020</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>We have printed hard copies of letters for all families and these will go home with all children attending on Friday 20th</p> <p>All families that have shared an email address with school will receive an email with the same letter.</p> <p>The letter includes all decisions for limited community opening and all log in details for IXL, accelerated reader and</p>



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		<p>TT Rockstars.</p> <p>If you have not received any communication to confirm this information please contact office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk as soon as possible.</p>
<p>As a healthcare support worker learning disabilities, is my child entitled to come to school? To stop a child to go to school for a long period of time it will have a big impact on his education 😊23/03/2020 19:38</p>	<p>Best Professional Judgement</p>	<p>If a parent holds a position on the key worker list:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision</p> <p>Then the child is entitled to a place for limited community opening.</p> <p>We understand about the worries our families have about the negative impact but worrying really is wasted energy – simply focus on the distance learning tasks or, if eligible, child can attend school. Children are very resilient and learning lost now is highly likely to be regained in the coming months and years where child, family and school work hard towards that goal.</p>
<p>School provision for keyworkers children. Will this be normal school hrs? 19/03/2020 18:36</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Limited community opening arrangements will follow normal opening time, play times and lunchtimes.</p> <p>Children arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. at the Chesswood Rd entrance only. We will check children's temperatures on entry to school. Parent will need to say good bye whilst on the front playground.</p> <p>Collection at 3:15p.m. on the front playground only.</p> <p>Breakfast club and after school care club is available where absolutely necessary. Please email kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk should you wish to book either breakfast or after school these will now be free for keyworkers but must only be used when absolutely necessary.</p>
<p>I am now a key worker apparently as I am a TA at a Sen school. My husband is home working though and my child is unwell with anxiety (sure it's that) so can he stay at home, will I get work online for him? Thank you 23/03/2020 19:21</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Children should only seek to attend school when absolutely necessary. If a parent is working from home our advice would be for a child to use the distance learning programme.</p> <p>We understand that a significant minority of children are worried at this time, understandably so. We will build a section of the school website to support children and families in managing anxieties.</p>
<p>Is school open to all children currently eligible for free school meals? 25/03/2020 11:37</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>No.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those children and young people up to the age of 25 with education, health and care (EHC) plans. 2. Those who have a social worker include children who have a child protection plan and those who are looked after by the local authority. A child may also be deemed to be



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		<p>vulnerable if they have been assessed as being in need or otherwise meet the definition in section 17 of the Children Act 1989.</p> <p>3. Those with an EHC plan should be risk-assessed by their school/college in consultation with the local authority and parents, to decide whether they need to continue to be offered a school/college place in order to meet their needs, or whether they can safely have their needs met at home.</p> <p>4. Eligibility for free school meals in and of itself should not be the determining factor in assessing vulnerability.</p>
<i>Is the School open to PP children who are not FSM? If not how about small group catch-up sessions? 25/03/2020 11:37</i>	Best Professional Estimate	No. Refer to the answer above for opening for children other than key workers.
<i>Will children be cohorted into classes? 19/03/2020 18:36</i>	Certain	Yes. We will maintain year groupings at this time and create new classes on Monday when we know which children are attending. This is another reason why it is important for children in the limited community service group to attend school Monday-Friday at normal times to allow new friendships and working groups to develop and work effectively.
<i>What kind of learning will be in place? 19/03/2020 18:36</i>	Certain	We will continue to deliver the normal primary curriculum as far as possible. Learning will be a little more relaxed compared to the normal expectations – but not much 😊 We will seek to increase the amount of physical education and music children experience during this time. Otherwise, it is expected to be business as usual.
<i>Do both parents have to be considered Key Workers for access to chess wood after close of play Friday 23/03/2020 18:10</i>	Best professional judgement	No. However, we expect parents to act in good faith with the spirit of government expectations. We are taking a pragmatic and trusting approach to the limited community opening; if a parent can reasonably remain at home with a child they would be expected to do so – <u>we are only open to children where absolutely necessary to help reduce infection rates</u>
<i>I am self-employed and only get paid for the work I do (as an editor). There will be times in the coming weeks/months when I will have to work in order to earn money. will there be any provision for children attending school on an ad hoc basis (e.g. for a week) while their parent works? 23/03/2020 18:10</i>	Best professional judgement	<p>Strictly speaking no. However, please email the head teacher head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p> <p>If</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By not working a family risks homelessness or eviction • It is absolutely necessary to work away from home (i.e. there is no alternative to work from home with the wide variety of communication methods open to all professionals) • Everyone in the family home has been well for the previous 14 days <p>Consideration will be given to families in exceptional circumstances.</p>
<i>Will my son need to</i>	Best	Similar to the answer above. From our questionnaire we have



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<p>come to school still as his mother is a teacher so a key worker. 19/03/2020 18:36</p>	<p>professional judgement</p>	<p>asked parents to complete: https://bit.ly/2whk2Ah</p> <p>Parents actually determine whether they wish their child to be considered. If you are a key worker and do not need that facility it is perfectly fine – your child can use the distance home learning package.</p> <p>We will determine final arrangements of children included in the limited community opening group – children of all teachers are included.</p>
<p>If attending school does my child need to wear school uniform 19/03/2020 18:36</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Yes. We would like to keep as many things the same as possible during this time of unprecedented change – it helps set the tone for expectation in school and improves behaviour.</p>
<p>I also wondered about siblings? I have a little one at Springfield, I have heard you may combine facilities. Is this accurate? 23/03/2020 19:04</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Yes. Chesswood, Lyndhurst and Springfield schools are already working closely together. Should staffing levels become critically low then a hub system will be used. We will use the coming weeks to plan arrangement.</p> <p>For the moment schools are co-operating but running separately successfully.</p>

4. Easter Opening

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
<p>Can you confirm Easter opening – can your child be on holiday with you? 25/03/2020 11:37</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Yes. This remains solely a parent choice.</p>
<p>We know schools will remain open during the Easter break to accommodate key workers' children but for all others, will the break be observed as normal? 23/03/2020 18:48</p>	<p>Best Professional Estimate</p>	<p>School will only be open for individual children where it is absolutely necessary. Details of opening are currently being developed.</p> <p>We will make arrangements to best facilitate keyworkers – the school will remain open during the holidays to support working patterns. We will liaise with individual families to develop a plan for this.</p> <p>It is not expected that any other children will attend school during that period. However, there may be exceptional circumstances and we will respond to these on a case by case basis in support of children and their families.</p> <p>Easter opening will be similar to holiday activity clubs NOT normal curriculum learning – children really do need a break from that!</p> <p>There will be no additional charge.</p> <p>Booking: https://bit.ly/3abU5kl</p>
<p>Related Questions</p>		<p>Can you confirm Easter opening – can your child be on</p>



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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 head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

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5. Worries

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
<i>I am reluctant to send children in if it puts them at high risk by being with other children whose parents are also key workers 19/03/2020 14:33</i>	Government announcement	<p>It is our understanding that children are not at high risk – quite the opposite both in the numbers contracting it and the severity of any illness they do contract.</p> <p>The decision to close schools was to reduce the circulation of adults.</p> <p>At this time we trust in the government and scientific advice and believe children are not at high risk.</p> <p>Government statement:</p> <p>It is important to underline that schools, remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.</p>
<i>Have there been any known COVID cases linked to the school pupils/families? 25/03/2020 11:37</i>	Best Professional Estimate	<p>No. We have had staff and children self-isolate for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • underlying health conditions • For experiencing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New persistent cough ○ High Temperature <p>It should be noted that we are not aware of anyone being tested therefore we wouldn't expect to know.</p>
<i>My child is slightly panicking about all "unknown " 25/03/2020 11:37</i>	Best Professional Estimate	<p>This is entirely normal and expected.</p> <p>We believe the 'New' normal routines will be created for children and anxieties will reduce significantly</p> <p>We will also circulate guidance and support for managing emotions when faced with a range of challenges.</p> <p>The following social story may be helpful:</p> <p>https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Social+story&pid=334</p>
<i>Is there any provision for all the children in the Chesswood Community to be able to access speaking to their class teachers, via something like Skype or FaceTime, for guidance and support with their learning while they are at home? 19/03/2020 18:36</i>	Certain	<p>Yes. Again this may take 1-2 weeks to get up to speed but we expect academic and pastoral staff to make regular, weekly, contact with individual children and families.</p> <p>There are different staffing groups now – those working and teaching in school and those working from home. We intend to allocate named staff to keep in touch, clearly those working from home will be expected to do this in the first instance to ensure everyone makes best use of their capacity.</p> <p>We intend to post videos etc to provide moral support for children working from home.</p>
<i>I'm a single parent, if I develop symptoms during the working day and have to go home to self-isolate how should I</i>	Certain	<p>Call school. Confirm the reason for collection from school. A child will be brought to the front gate to be handed over. Staff will keep a few metres distant.</p>



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collect my child without risking infecting others? 19/03/2020 18:36		
What if children are ill at school? 19/03/2020 18:36	Certain	Parents and staff are expected to act responsibly at all times Neither should attend school premises with either a new persistent cough or a high temperature. All children and staff will receive a temperature check at school and before they enter the classroom. This will be done with an electronic thermometer.
me and my husband both work in the nhs. we decided kids stay at home to give our slot to those who really need but my worry now is the childrens education but school setting is different and its best for learning, so the kids will be left behind with lessons or you will give same acitivity and level of learning? God bless us in this covid-19 crisis 25/03/2020 11:37	Best Professional Estimate	If you work for the NHS then you are welcome to send your child in. Parents should not be worried about taking another child's slot – that is the head teachers problem not parents 😊 If we do have a capacity issue there are a number of things we can do to address it before we turn children away. We are working hard to maintain the highest possible quality for children in school and those learning from home. However, the are different and both have real opportunities for great learning.

6. Transfer and Transition

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
How will this impact the transition for children going to senior school in September? 19/03/2020 13:33	Best Professional Estimate	There has been no discussion about this between schools or advice from the LA at this time. Children will need to transfer and school will work it out therefore this should not be a worry for parents. It is possible that school transition days (taster days) and parent information events will not go ahead. Instead essential information will be shared electronically e.g. a guide to first days at school. Although many staff are self isolating, they are fit and available for work at home. Schools will liaise and share the information they have to support transfer. We are able to share children's achievement data collected until the spring term and that will be sufficient for secondary colleagues to make informed choices for classes, teaching and learning.



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Before and after school care

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
Will breakfast club and Downsbrook after school be open for key worker children over the next 2 weeks? 25/03/2020 11:37	Best Professional Estimate	Breakfast club and after school care club is available where absolutely necessary. Please email kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk should you wish to book either breakfast or after school these will now be free for keyworkers but must only be used when absolutely necessary.

7. School Meals Vouchers

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
Who is entitled to the vouchers and how do we get them 25/03/2020 11:37	Confident	<p>Children attending limited community service currently – all children are able to secure a lunch, free of charge, each day until the end of this week. Please let the school office know office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p> <p>After this week, if a child needs a school meal parents should order and pay using the normal Chartwells online ordering system.</p> <p>Free School Meals – any child eligible for free school meals, whether they are normally claimed or not, is eligible for a hamper. The delivery of these hampers to school will start tomorrow. If you would like a hamper to collect from school premises and you are well enough to collect please confirm by email: office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk; or contact the school by phone 01903 204141. We will contact every family eligible for free school meals if we don't hear from you by Thursday 26th March 8:00 a.m. The food hampers will be sufficient for 5 days.</p>

8. Home Learning Curriculum

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
A lot of parents have been told to work from home, how are we supposed to do our jobs and teach/support our children at the same time? Especially if our husbands need to work too? 23/03/2020 18:34	Best professional estimate	<p>These are exceptionally challenging circumstances and there is no good answer here, only 'least worst'. Do what you can, when you can – we are seeking to set tasks that children can do at home with little or no support.</p> <p>We will be in contact with children and families in the coming weeks and will determine how best we can provide support and set tasks more reliably that can be completed by individual children.</p> <p>Parents should hold high expectations of their children, they should also support their children in knowing that 'having a go, doing the best they can and it all going totally wrong is perfectly fine!' This will help both parents and school staff know best how we can help in future. It should also support children in knowing that learning is also about failing many times before we get it write – perseverance is critical.</p>



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Thomas Edison – quotes are great to focus the mind!

Thomas Edison:

- Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.
- Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless.
- If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.
- When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: you haven't.
- Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.
- The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are: hard work, stick-to-itiveness, and common sense.
- Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.
- Results! Why, man, I have gotten a lot of results. I know several thousand things that won't work.
- **I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.**

Use these quotes relentlessly with children and they will eventually stop arguing and carry on 😊

<p>Will there be enough work available to them so they don't get too behind? 19/03/2020 13:43</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Chesswood Junior school staff have developed a home learning system that is flexible and dynamic.</p> <p>Our teachers that are self-isolating will be setting learning tasks daily – they will set these to ensure children and families are not overloaded. We are more concerned about setting too many activities. The focus will be on high quality activities that consolidate learning that has already been undertaken. This will build children's confidence in the early days.</p> <p>School staff will be in direct contact with parents during this period of closure to ensure they are broadly setting learning tasks at the right level. Initially parents should expect direct communication from school academic staff weekly.</p> <p>Parents will be sent a letter with the key staff they will be able to contact for help and support with any learning tasks that have been set – this will include of the log in information for IXL, accelerated reader and TT rockstars.</p> <p>Further details may be found at: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=114</p>
<p>Please can you let me know how many hours of learning will be expected to do each day. Will all homework be able to be completed on tablets? 25/03/2020 11:37</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Daily guidance will be clear on expectations for the work set. We will seek to set work that will occupy typical school hours. There is also plenty of extra work on the website – take-away tasks etc. Families will need to manage expectations appropriate to them as there will be varying views.</p> <p>Work will be able to be completed on tablets and within exercise books provided.</p>
<p>Can a member of staff post daily home learning modules 19/03/2020 14:39</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>A new daily learning programme will be posted every day it will be year group related and may be found at: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=114</p>



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		<p>e.g. Year 4 daily learning</p> <p>This will start on Monday. It is hoped this will also include video messages from school staff to give some motivation and guidance on expectations. This is no substitute for the typical classroom learning, it will require parent support of varying degrees for it to be effective but it is the 'least worst' option we have at the moment. It will be further developed in response to parent and child feedback to improve in the coming weeks and months.</p> <p>We are seeking to get a good balance of activities and ensure screen time is not overwhelming e.g. completion of IXL for hours on end.</p>
<p>Related Questions</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 head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p>		<p>Are we having any work for them to do at home. Or could we know what they should be learning so we can carry on .</p> <p>Is there any possibility there could be a live stream of what the teacher will be teaching daily so kids can watch ?</p> <p>Will you be using Google classroom or similar to set work rather than just using IXL?</p> <p>Will you expect children to follow a normal school day?</p> <p>Will we be provided with structured work for our children to be able to complete on a daily basis?</p> <p>Would just like more information about home schooling and how we will receive the work that needs to be taught</p> <p>Will we get weekly course work?</p> <p>Will there be any online learning/teacher support a part from IXL?</p> <p>Will there be any live chat/ teacher sessions for kids learning ? Or will teachers create any video recording in form of teaching sessions ?</p> <p>Could we receive child's daily schedule, please? ie, when they have arts, DT etc. I think if we could at home implement similar learning structure as they had in school, it will hopefully keep them better on track.</p>
<p>Will there be any live chat/ teacher sessions for kids learning ? Or will teachers create any video recording in form of teaching sessions ? 23/03/2020 18:34</p>	<p>Best professional estimate</p>	<p>We are currently prioritising children for direct contact every 72 hours to 5 days. Our most vulnerable children will be prioritised first e.g. those subject to safeguarding. However, we are currently seeking to build a sustainable process to contact families of all children regularly – this is likely to be a mixture of methods and prioritised to those requiring it.</p>
<p>Will you set deadlines for submission of the work? 19/03/2020 15:19</p>	<p>Best professional estimate</p>	<p>A broad guide will be given on expected times of completion and or submission of tasks. Further consideration will need to be given to submission of work and whether this is possible for many families. As a minimum, staff will confirm marking guides for tasks at an appropriate time after setting the work. We also hope to provide examples of a range of outcomes for the tasks to guide children</p>



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		<p>and parents on the actual outcomes.</p> <p>Academic staff will be in contact with families and children throughout this period. This will rely on a partnership approach that will develop over time. Staff, potentially not your child's class teacher will be in contact to determine any barriers to learning and whether we can adjust our systems to ease any frustrations families are experiencing.</p>
<p>How will children without access to appropriate technology be taught? 25/03/2020 11:37</p>	<p>Best Professional Guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Learning Packs – we are currently developing home learning packs for two specific reasons and they will be used only when absolutely necessary: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. for children and families that have no internet access or no appropriate equipment to learn online i.e. only a smart phone. Should this apply to you please contact us on 01903 204141 2. for children on the special needs register that need a bespoke learning programme. Should this apply, a member of the special educational needs team will be in contact before the end of the week to make arrangements. <p>We will make arrangements directly with a family to collect these home learning pack from the school premises when it is absolutely necessary. Given the current restrictions we would provide 3-5 days work in each pack. Outcomes from the tasks will not be marked by school staff – we will provide marking guidance where appropriate for home marking.</p>
<p>Related Questions 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 head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p>		<p>Because we are in self-isolation, and then intend to remain as locked down as possible, please could some exercise books either be posted to us, or someone kind enough to drop one around? Thank you.</p> <p>Would paper copies have to be collected each day? If so then I'm not able to do that as I have a broken ankle and can't currently drive. Many thanks in advance</p>
<p>What do we do if, as parents, we cannot help? For example maths is taught very differently method wise so I wouldn't want to teach them the incorrect way or working something out 19/03/2020 18:36</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>For maths specifically we have our calculations guide and videos on the school website: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Maths+Support+at+Home&pid=335</p> <p>If parents get stuck with any learning task they will be able to contact our team by email (preferred) or by phone. Parents will be sent a letter with the key staff they will be able to contact for help and support with any learning tasks that have been set. This will be with parents by Friday and will be sent as an email through schools buddy or hard copy where parents have no means of electronic communication.</p> <p>School staff will be in direct contact with parents during this period of closure to ensure they are broadly setting learning tasks at the right level. Initially parents should expect direct communication from school academic staff weekly.</p>
<p>Will children be sent home with exercise books, or</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Yes. All children will be provided with a lined exercise book on Friday 20th March to take home. It will be a new book that they can take pride in. Children may decorate or cover the front and rear</p>



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<p>will we need to purchase these ourselves? 19/03/2020 18:36</p>		<p>page. If that becomes full, in time, parents will be able to make arrangements with their designated contact to collect a new one from school.</p> <p>Collection arrangements after Friday – please contact the school office by email office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p> <p>A package will be left for collection at the Chesswood Road entrance at an agreed time – we are seeking to restrict to a minimum visitors to the school site.</p>
<p>Will parents have access to school books/ library 19/03/2020 18:36</p>	<p>Decision on process currently being formed</p>	<p>All children will be issued with at least one book before they leave on Friday.</p> <p>We are seeking to make arrangements for children to change their books. It is possible we could allow restricted access to book selection via an online booking service (or for those without internet access calling to make arrangements) i.e. by arrangement child enters school, returns book to a specified place and then collects new books.</p> <p>Any returned book will be sanitised before going on loan again.</p> <p>This would only be possible if there are NO Corona symptoms in the family home for the previous 14 days.</p>
<p>Related Questions 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 head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p>		<p>As main libraries are all closed. I know you can read books online but I'm worried about the amount of screen time that children will now have to use.</p> <p>Changing reading books?</p>
<p>Is my child allowed to bring home extra books to read? 19/03/2020 18:36</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Initially we need to ensure there is sufficient book stock remaining for an exchange system to work. For children reading shorter books we are likely to issue 2-3. For longer novels</p>
<p>Please could I have the passwords for my child's TT Rockstars and IXL? 19/03/2020 18:36</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Parents will be sent a letter with the key staff they will be able to contact for help and support with any learning tasks that have been set – this will include of the log in information for IXL, accelerated reader and TT rockstars.</p> <p>This is expected to be sent at the latest by Monday 23rd March – it will be communicated by email to all parents via schools buddy. A hard copy will be posted to parent without access to email.</p>
<p>Can children make quizzes at home from the books they read? 19/03/2020 15:14</p>	<p>Certain</p>	<p>Children will be able to complete accelerated reader quizzes during normal school hours at home for any books they read. It is important that children complete these quizzes independently with absolutely no help from any adult other than logging into the system.</p> <p>Please visit the following page for further details on how to do this: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading+Support+at+Home&pid=336</p>
<p>Related Questions The following questions are believed to be similar and answered fully by the</p>		<p>Can we do AR tests at home? Will there be able to do AR online please?</p>



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question above – if that is not the case please contact head teacher head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk		
<i>Will the completed homework be sent back to the school to be assessed by a teacher? To ensure the right progress is being made. 20/03/2020</i>	Certain	We will have home and school learning taking place. We will be inviting submission of some elements of home-learning set. The purpose of this will be to celebrate outcomes and post these on class pages on the school website. We will not have the capacity to mark all work and provide feedback to individual children. Teachers will be working on providing home-learning which is as engaging as possible and providing email / phone support to those that require it.
<i>If we can have any handwriting worksheets (emailed to me or links) we will try to work on his handwriting whilst he is off school. 20/03/20</i>	Certain	We will add handwriting practice guidance and sheets to the home-learning page today.

9. The Future

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
<i>I want to know what is going with the trips and payment for them are we going still to pay for trip in April and for September year 4 trip? 23/03/2020 18:20</i>	Certain	There are two residential visits in September. We would ask parents to continue the payments for either Y4 Carrot Wood or Y6 Bristol. We understand this current period is placing significant strains on household incomes – we are happy to liaise with individual families about a flexible payment plan where that is required. Please contact Kate Brown for guidance and advice Kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk 01903 204141
<i>If the school was forced to be closed until September, would kids be repeating the whole school year? 23/03/2020 18:20</i>	Certain	No. Children will move to the next year group as planned. Class teachers, school leaders and families will be responsible for supporting individual children on their return to full time education and lessen the learning impact as far as possible. Children are immensely resilient and with sustained completion of homework, supportive parents and a school that will accelerate learning as much as possible we expect the vast majority to bounce back quickly. This may be helped enormously by maintaining good learning habits and routines whilst children are learning from home.



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11. Special Educational Needs

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
As my child is under SEN could we have individual spelling that she currently does in school? 19/03/2020 18:36	Certain	Yes. There may be some disruption to this in the first week whilst we bring a number of things up to speed. We intend to allocate specific staff to support specific children and families, this will include setting, supporting and monitoring activities undertaken by children with SEN.

12. Year 6

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
Will the children still sit their SAT's? 19/03/2020 14:59	Certain	No. Government have confirmed with school that national tests will not go ahead. There will be no school performance tables for the academic year 2019-20. No further preparation is required for these tests – however, the tests test essential knowledge as a preparation for demands of secondary school the use of revision guides will continue to be a useful exercise. We do have sufficient data to share with secondary school supporting an effective transition. Even if schools did reopen by May, and that seems highly unlikely, SATs are cancelled for this year.
Related Questions 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 head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk	We've heard all exams are cancelled so can you confirm that includes SATs? Will SATs carry on? Should we prepare specifically for SATs or just do home learning in general? Are SATS to be cancelled?	
How will the children be graded if they don't sit their SAT's? 19/03/2020 15:03	Certain	Chesswood has significant teacher assessment and test data for every child. We are in a strong position to give an accurate achievement report to our secondary colleagues to support secondary school transfer.
If schools stay closed will they get the chance to say goodbye to teachers and friends before going up to high school? 19/03/2020 15:05	Best professional judgement	One way or another we will ensure there is an end of year 6 party with bouncy castles, hot dogs, burgers and fizzy drinks 😊 This may take place in the summer or in the autumn term depending on the circumstances at that time. Shirt signing and all the hugs and tears may be done at that point. We will also have a leavers assembly where cups and certificates are handed out. Depending on the timing of when this is possible there are a variety of ways this may work. As things unfold in the summer



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		we will provide details. We will make arrangements for leavers hoodies to be ordered for families during the summer term – our team will be in touch with Y6 families in the coming weeks.
Related Questions 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 head@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk		Will Y6 be able to return to school before end of the academic year ? If the year 6 children do not get the chance to come back to school, will they still get a leavers hoody? We are all really sad 😞

13. Testing and Assessment (other than Year 6)

Question	Basis for answer	School Response
<i>If school will be closed for a few months how are kids going to be assessed. 23/03/2020 18:25</i>	Best professional judgement	It is very unlikely that we will be able to undertake structure and meaningful assessment during this period of limited community service. Children sitting any formal tests online or hard copy will be sitting in varying circumstances rendering outcomes unreliable and invalid for the most part. However, that is just the weighing part; it is important the feeding part continues diligently in school and at home – all of the learning materials can be found on the school website and these are updated daily. We will then, hopefully, return in late summer or early autumn to undertake baseline tests under normal conditions again.
<i>Will there be any work that kids can do at home that can be forwarded to the teacher for marking? 23/03/2020 18:25</i>	Best professional judgement	At this stage, no. This is partly due to logistics of collecting work but also our capacity to sustain marking if and when the virus reducing staffing capacity. We will, as appropriate, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share the mark schemes for tasks to be marked at home. • Share examples of anonymous work that has been successful, so this can be used by families to compare and contrast outcomes by children and families – this may also be annotated to guide children and families on what has been successful.