



# CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

## *Home of Bright Sparks*

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### Summer Term Arrangements 2020

Dear Parent,

I am writing to set out arrangements for the summer term. As I do this, I hope you and your family are well and are meeting the very many challenges faced at this time as positively as possible. My team and I hope that the arrangements so far and those we will develop going forwards will be helpful. We are seeking to create the best solutions for the different individual and diverse challenges facing Chesswood Junior School families, particularly in relation to flexible arrangements for learning and maintaining pupil welfare.

#### **Limited Community Opening**

We are making arrangements for Summer opening for children. This will be for key workers (Government guidance states: Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home must be). Additionally, we are supporting families where there are exceptional needs and respite care is required e.g. Education, Health Care Plan or a child protection plan. This facility will only be open to children where it is 'absolutely necessary' and no other reasonable arrangements are possible. We will accept children for the day in which a key worker attends work or the day after any night shift. Once a child is in school they are welcome to stay all day – that remains the case whether a key workers shift is morning or afternoon only.

If it is 'absolutely necessary' and you are a key worker or you have a child in vulnerable circumstances please complete the online form by Wednesday 22nd April 5p.m., in the first instance, so that we can arrange appropriate staffing for the next three weeks.

Online form location:

HOME> PARENTS> COVID 19 - CORONA VIRUS UPDATES> SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Attendance&pid=790&action=saved>

#### **Free School Meals**

For any children attending school, whether they are eligible or not, they are able to have a Free School Meal during the school closure period. We would encourage all children attending school to take this offer up – there is no application process, simply send child to school without packed lunch.

For any child that is currently eligible for free school meals they are entitled to £15 per week via the Edenred voucher system. We believe that all families entitled to FSM have been contacted and almost all of that group have now received their vouchers. If your child is eligible for free school meals currently and you have not been contacted by one of our office team, please email [office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk). If you have checked your 'junk' mail and contacted Edenred to address any voucher issues and still have not been successful please let us know immediately [office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk).

**Please Note: being registered as pupil premium does not automatically qualify for free school meals.** Pupil premium consists of three groups – current free school meals; free school meals within the past 6 years and children subject to a care or adoption during their childhood. It is only current free school meals from this group that are eligible. If you believe your child would be eligible please apply at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

#### **Home- School Contact**





Starting from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April class teachers will be contacting families either once per week or once every two weeks depending on the guidance, help and support that may be required. Where children or families require a higher level of support e.g. special education needs or significant pastoral needs; we have allocated a further member from the special educational or pastoral team to contact, in addition to the class teacher, on a more frequent basis. As this is a new system, we will almost certainly need to make adjustments e.g. contacting some families more because of arising need and some families may




be self-sufficient and not require frequent contact.

The phone conversation will focus on the learning experience so far, its success or otherwise. The technology available at home to your child during the school day. Worries and concerns from the parent point of view alongside what is going well. Finally, the teacher would like to have a brief chat with your child (their pupil 😊) to get their perspective on things and hopefully motivate them to keep learning during these challenging times. The call will probably last 5 mins, it will not last more than 10 minutes given the volume of calls required. Should more time be needed, we will determine how best that can be managed e.g. use of SEN or pastoral or IT team. Most calls will be from a 'withheld' number as this is the agreed safeguarding advice for school staff calling from their homes or personal mobiles. Therefore, we will rely on families answering these – our calls will be between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

If you need learning support before we are able to contact you via the phone call, please use the year group email addresses e.g. [y3support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:y3support@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk). Simply add the correct year number (3-6) to the start of the email to contact the year team responsible for your child.

## Learning Arrangements

Home-Learning Options		
Chesswood Home-Learning Curriculum		
Resource	Link	Notes
Chesswood Home Learning – Online Curriculum	<a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/</a> Click on 'Learning' – 'Home-Learning' 	<b>Our preferred option</b> – developed by teachers at Chesswood to support the school curriculum. Teachers will access and include resources across all platforms outlined in this letter. We have moved towards linked but stand-alone activities in case children miss certain aspects for whatever reason. <b>These activities are set daily and are flexible so each family can follow what actually works best for their circumstances.</b>
Chesswood Home Learning – Hard-copy packs	Hard copies to be collected from school 	These resources are designed only for those without adequate access to the Chesswood Home Learning - Online Curriculum. If you need a home learning pack as your child does not have suitable access to technology during the school day; email: <a href="mailto:cyelling@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk">cyelling@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</a>
Chesswood Website – Maths, Reading, Writing Support at home	Click on 'Learning' – 'Home-Learning' – 'Maths / Reading / Writing Support at Home' 	These sections of our website provide access to advice from teachers and provide links to key resources we use in school to support learning in reading, writing and maths.
Other Useful Home-Learning Resources		
<b>Should you have more time on your hands or would like to explore other opportunities the links below would be a good place to start. These are Extra Resources – Only if Required.</b>		
Resource	Link	Notes
Chesswood Website – Useful Websites and Links	Click on 'Learning' – 'Home-Learning' – 'Useful Websites and Links' 	An ever-developing range of websites and resources organised by subject areas. Click on the menu to select the subject area you are interested in.

<p><b>BBC Bitesize Curriculum</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> Click on 'Daily Lessons'</p> 	<p>You'll find daily lessons for homeschooling in Maths and English for every year group, as well as regular lessons in Science, History, Geography and more. The homeschooling lessons have been created with teachers and other educational experts and feature a mix of videos, animations, practice activities, quizzes and games. Check back every weekday for brand new lessons.</p>
<p><b>The Oak National Academy Online Classroom</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom">https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom</a> Click on 'Schedule' then the relevant 'Year'</p> 	<p>A resource to support teachers to support their pupils. It is a bank of high-quality, sequenced video lessons and resources for teachers to use as they wish. They cover a range of subjects including maths, English, art and languages. Every lesson will be free to use for every teacher and every pupil. Pupils can access the site and engage with extra lessons of interest to them.</p>
<p><b>Free Celebrity Classes</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">PE with Joe Wicks</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Music with Myleene Klass</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Science with Maddie Moate</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Dance with Oti Mabuse</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Maths with Carol Vorderman</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">History with Dan Snow</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">English with David Walliams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Food tech with Jamie Oliver</a></li> </ul>	<p>Click on the links – some very useful resources for children to access, led by celebrities to enrich their home-learning experience. Some have to be signed up to, to receive a login but are currently free.</p>

## **Computing and Online Safety**

HOME> PASTORAL> COMPUTING AND ONLINE SAFETY

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Computing+and+Online+Safety&pid=238>

More than ever children and families are relying on the internet for day to day learning. We have brought together a wide range of guidance and advice for families so there is a one stop shop for sourcing the very wide range of advice that is available.

## **Managing Worries**

We have been busy developing a new section of our website to support families manage worries effectively. There is guidance for children and adults alike. We have created our own resources about have also brought together into a 'one stop shop area' to help families needing support to find it easily. Managing worries may be found at HOME > PASTORAL > MANAGING WORRIES  
<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Managing+Worries&pid=655>

The front page includes two child friendly stories about Corona Virus. It also includes the school 'Regulation Rainbow'. The 'Regulation Rainbow' is designed for children to work through their thoughts, feelings and behaviours with the support of an adult. As children build a conscious understanding of their regulation and dysregulation over time they are more empowered to recognise triggers and responses and are in a better position to take action, sometimes with others to stay in the 'Green Zone'. We would highly recommend any family experiencing difficulties with their child's regulation during this lock down start with the 'regulation rainbow'.

Linked to the main page is a wealth of further support and guidance using national websites such

as 'Every Mind Matters' that provides very clear advice and good habits for adults to build in response to sleeping, anxiety, stress or low mood. It also has a section on helping other with mental health.

## **School Nursing Service**

During these unsettling times, as a parent of child aged between 5-19 years old you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

Our school nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Parent/carers of a child aged 5-19 can send a text to: 07480 635424

We can help with all kinds of things like:

- Behaviour
- Contenance
- Emotional health
- Self-harm
- Bullying
- Minor accidents and illnesses

Your ChatHealth messaging service is run by the Healthy Child Programme 5-19 School Nursing Service and is available from 0900 am to 4.30 pm Monday –Friday (excluding Bank Holidays).

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact you GP, NHS 111 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

We have maintained a frequently asked questions booklet that answers a very wide range of questions. Please take a look at the booklet if you have unanswered, queries, questions or concerns. If your question remains unanswered please use the form on the same page to raise it with us, a member of our team checks for new questions raised every 24 hours. We expect to respond to new questions within two working days. We will reply directly to the family raising the question as well as including it within our FAQ booklet for reference.

## **Chesswood TV**

And finally, for a bit of cheer and celebration...

Chesswood TV is now live.... Our new TV service (free - unlike Netflix, Prime and Sky) will include a new programme weekly. CTV1 will focus on whole school weekly challenges for our wonderful Chesswood children and families. There will be some silliness most weeks with a press conference from Chesswood Staff... CTV 2 will focus on celebrating as much of the wonderful work children have been completing at home (with the help of family members 😊). There will be a photo gallery of your creations each week. We really look forward to seeing the many great things you have created and know how much love, care and attention you have used to be the 'Best you can be'.

To watch the first two episodes episode please visit: HOME > LEARNING > HOME LEARNING > CHESSWOOD TV <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Chesswood+TV&pid=766>

To find out more about getting on CTV1 & 2 please read the guide on same web page. Please share the CTV1 challenge videos by emailing [CTV@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:CTV@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk)

None of this would have been possible without the inspiration, hard work and creativity of Sam Holden, 4JD – Director General of CTV 1&2 and his dad Mark Holden – New Editor. Thanks guys you have been awesome!

Yours sincerely,

