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**Summer Holiday School Opening**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Understandably, parents have started to question whether the school will be open throughout the summer holidays. I have been discussing plans for opening with school leaders and governors at Chesswood and with school leaders from other schools. There is no decision at this time. Some school groups such as Horsham have already communicated their intention to fully close schools throughout the summer holidays. Initial government advice indicated that schools would not be open throughout the summer holidays to provide additional teaching, however, in recent days there has been a further consideration from government on this aspect, largely driven by the decision not to open more widely to year groups beyond year 6. We believe we will need the remainder of June to consider further changes to government guidance and plan next steps.

The current school position is that we would not be open for the summer holidays as a summer school. However, subject to government guidance, we are considering whether a summer activity club for key worker and vulnerable children, similar to Easter and May half term would be appropriate. We would expect to make a decision at the beginning of July on arrangements for the summer holidays. Any opening would be for essential need only i.e. there is no other reasonable alternative for the family to provide child care for their child. There are many questions that need to be answered prior to taking the decision to open, including how a summer activity club could or would be funded.

I hope this interim position on school opening for the summer holidays provides a better understanding of current thinking and the direction we are heading, even though a final decision has not yet been taken.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Jolley  
Headteacher

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