



8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Chew Valley School Update – February 2021

Half term begins at the end of this week with **Friday (12<sup>th</sup> February)** being an **INSET Day**. Therefore on Friday there will be no in-school provision or learning on Teams. During this day staff are working with colleagues from Backwell and Gordano Schools in the morning, with time in the afternoon to continue to develop our learning offer for the next half term. I hope that all students will have the opportunity to have a break away from screens next week and enjoy some rest.

As I write, we are unsure of when we may return to school but we have been talking in our planning around a number of different scenarios. We have been told we will be working in the current manner until at least the 8<sup>th</sup> March and therefore have continued to look to develop our remote offer having taken some feedback around some important aspects.

### Remote Learning Next Steps

We have wished to **extend the lunchtime for students** so that they get the opportunity to be off their screens for a good amount of time in the middle of the day. From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, all Period 4 lessons will finish promptly at 1.20pm with Period 5 starting at 2.05pm. We hope that this extra 15 minutes will mean that students can use this time appropriately.

We are also, in our first assembly back on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, looking to spend some time reminding students of how they work online with regards to contributing to lessons and using the technology in the most effective way. We have refined our 'Attitudes To Learning' grid to include the remote learning aspects and will be sharing that with everyone along with sharing a tick list for students to use to evaluate their own learning in remote lessons.

### Opportunities for Parents and Carers

There are a number of events and meetings for parents and carers over the coming weeks which have been organised to help parents and carers support what is going on. Some of these sessions are traditional parents' evenings which give the chance to meet subject staff online whilst others have been designed to give parents and carers some information around current areas we are working on with students and are **available for all year groups**.

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Advice and guidance on how to further support your child(ren)'s mental health and wellbeing during lockdown.**

Led by Hannah Kenyon (Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Katie Hayfield (Student Wellbeing Manager)

#### **7pm – For parents/carers with children in Bilbie and Hauteville House**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79913096713?pwd=ZTFab2t5bUMvdGxpNGdlcHZ6VENhdz09>

Meeting ID: 799 1309 6713

Passcode: j3CS2.

#### **8pm – For parents/carers with children in Moreton and Rodney House**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73835171829?pwd=NER3NURRcjFUQzhHdDYzYlhpSTVvZz09>

Meeting ID: 738 3517 1829

Passcode: LE70bV

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**Online Safety – Support on how to reduce the risk with a focus on growing social media platforms such as Discord and TikTok.**

Led by Hannah Kenyon (Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Jane Gardiner (Head of IT and Business)

**7pm – For parents/carers with children in Bilbie and Hauteville House**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71023993410?pwd=OCs0ZnFFT0JCZnlyMGVvRmpNlDZZUT09>

Meeting ID: 710 2399 3410

Passcode: fRxDx3

**8pm – For parents/carers with children in Moreton and Rodney House**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77016096772?pwd=eWZUdlY0KlNmMzBOWTduL2pZazJVUT09>

Meeting ID: 770 1609 6772

Passcode: QyjP9i

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 12 Parents' Evening** - Information is available in a separate letter.

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Response to global issues such as Black Lives Matter. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to hear how the school has approached some of the key areas with our young people.**

**7pm – For parents/carers with children in Bilbie and Hauteville House**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73742166175?pwd=emdINHILUitrblg4ajdTsmxCeUjXZz09>

Meeting ID: 737 4216 6175

Passcode: 7SXtJU

**8pm – For parents/carers with children in Moreton and Rodney House**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76445711864?pwd=N0pBTmkzNXZFcVlQSTVvSE9LMmpTUT09>

Meeting ID: 764 4571 1864

Passcode: gEH02f

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 8 Parents' Evening** – details to follow.

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**REPEAT SESSION OF THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – Advice and guidance on how to further support your child(ren)'s mental health and wellbeing during lockdown.**

Led by Hannah Kenyon (Assistant Headteacher and designated safeguarding lead) and Katie Hayfield (Student Wellbeing Manager)

**7pm – For parents/carers with children in Bilbie and Hauteville House**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73864989168?pwd=YlN6VmdjMmk3MWVVGUUU2eTZpZXVlDz09>

Meeting ID: 738 6498 9168

Passcode: JMRH9K

**8pm – For parents/carers with children in Moreton and Rodney House**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73348525208?pwd=a2xPV2NDYWRUUGM4UkJKM3ZlRGZoUT09>

Meeting ID: 733 4852 5208

Passcode: VIJ9Kf

We very much hope that the above events will keep you informed and be useful in working with your children at home at this time. Talking with staff they have nothing but praise for the vast majority of the students who have approached this period of time with a real 'can do' attitude. We are aware of how challenging it has been but have seen some of the wonderful work they are doing across our curriculum. My continued congratulations to them for all what they are doing.

With best wishes and have a good half term,



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Headteacher