



Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Weekly Update

I hope that you are all keeping well. There remains little new that I can share with you about the expected return to school. This week the Secretary of State for Education has stated that schools and families will receive two weeks' notice ahead of schools reopening. We will await further update and, in the meantime, continue to plan for a range of scenarios for February and beyond.

Year 9 options

I trust that all Year 9 students found today's Taster Day useful and I am grateful for the understanding of the wider school community that other lessons were set as independent study to accommodate this. I understand that attendance at sessions was very good. I'm looking forward to the virtual Options Evening, which will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd February. Details for joining this event will be shared.

Remote learning engagement & feedback

Remote learning appears to be going well and the vast majority of students are engaging positively. Mr Whitehouse will be writing to a small number of parents where we have noticed that engagement is not as strong as we would hope, to see if there is anything more we can do to support your child.

Thank you to the parents who have sent us feedback of their child's experiences; it seems to be a common benefit of the current arrangements that it affords a good structure to the day that is very helpful for our young people. If you have any feedback that you would like to share with us about remote learning then our survey remains open and can be accessed with this [link](#).

GCSE and A-level teacher assessment consultation

Last week I wrote about the Government's consultation process regarding GCSE and A-level assessments this summer. If you would like more information about the consultation, this [link](#) will take you to the relevant section of the Government's website.

Vulnerable children and children of critical workers

It remains the case that critical worker children should only attend school if there are no alternatives. Should you have a child who requires this provision please contact us using covid@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk so that we can discuss availability.

Covid-19 testing in school

We anticipate that when students do return to school there will be a testing programme. If you have not yet completed the online survey to give consent for your child to be tested then please do so by clicking this [link](#). To save us chasing you, if you do not give consent for your child to be tested please inform us via covid@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk.



Wokingham Borough Council Equality Survey

WBC are seeking views from the community to shape their Equality Plan. To thank you for your time, they are offering a prize draw for a £100 Amazon or One4all voucher. More details and a link to the survey can be found [here](#). The deadline for the survey is 24th January 2021.

From time to time we try to have a bit of fun and our latest effort is 'what you see, what I see' – a compilation of photos showing our staff from the point of view of students on Teams and then a return image of the view before that colleague. Some are serious and some are silly. You can see the video here: https://youtu.be/IHXm_n2wiTY.

Take care and have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

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