



Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers

I hope this communication finds you and your family safe and well, and that you had a lovely break and a very happy new year. I am saddened that I will not get to see all of the lovely Year 8s tomorrow but am so glad that I will hopefully get to see lots of them via our online tutor sessions on TEAMS. Therefore, in light of the recent changes that have resulted in online learning for the start of term, I thought it would be best if I gave you a quick outline of what to expect for your child.

As a school, we have moved your child's whole school day onto TEAMS, including tutor time, this means that from 08:25 until 14:55 they can emulate the structure they would have had at school, at home. I think it would be most beneficial if your child started their day off as they would at school by logging into their TEAMS meeting with their form tutor (08:25-08:45) – this will enable them ask their form tutor any questions they might have about the day or their lessons. They can expect an invite to this meeting either the night before or the morning of that day's tutor time. In addition, we cover some very valuable topics in form time sessions such as PSHE, literacy and diversity – these will continue to be delivered by tutors during this time. It is also worth noting that remote learning can be quite tiring, and more so as the week progresses, so please do encourage your child to take breaks in line with the school day breaks (09:50– 10:15 and 12:20 – 12:50).

If your child has any problems at all, with online learning or indeed anything else, then please do not hesitate to contact their tutor or myself (rcairns@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to help as much as we can.

Best Wishes

Miss R L Cairns
(Head of Year 8)