



Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Weekly Update

We are all looking forward to the return on Monday of the group of Year 7 students who have been isolating this week. Cases continue to be recorded in schools across the borough so please be vigilant for communication from us, which may even be required over weekends, as it was last Sunday for Year 7.

National Covid-19 Guidelines

Please ensure that your child attends school with a suitable face covering every day (unless they are medically exempt). You can support us by ensuring that you follow the national protocols:

- If any member of the household develops Covid-19 symptoms (a temperature, new persistent cough or loss of taste/smell) then that individual should arrange a test. All members of the household must self-isolate and children should be kept away from school until a negative test result is returned.
- If a positive result is returned then the person with the positive result must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms and can return after those 10 days, if they feel better.
- If a household member tests positive then all other members of the household must self-isolate for 14 days either from the date of the start of symptoms or from when they tested positive.

Visiting by Appointment Only

During the second national lockdown we ask that parents do not come onto the school site. Please contact reception by phone or email if required.

Pedestrians & Cyclists Travelling to and from School Safely

In our assemblies this week we will press the importance of students making their way home promptly and safely during the second lockdown. Please talk with your child to help them to understand that they should be considerate of the general public, maintain social distance and avoid congregating in groups around local shops, pubs and businesses. I am also conscious that the area is busy when the infant and junior schools begin to leave so students must avoid gathering around those schools. At this time many people are understandably sensitive and concerned about social distancing and we want our students to be good citizens and ambassadors, which they can do by demonstrating the school value of respect when making their way home.

Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day & Virtual Open Evening

I was really pleased to see the taster day go so well this week. Applications for the Sixth Form are now open for Year 11 and they have been emailed details for applying. If you or your child needs any further information or support then please contact us:

- Miss Horne – Head of Year 11 – ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mr Constable – Head of Sixth Form – dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk



- Teachers will be happy to provide further information on their subjects

If your child is still considering their options then there is lots of useful information available here:

<https://www.emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form+Courses&pid=1065>

Finally, our new promotional video has been released; I am grateful to all of the students and staff who supported this. The video can be seen here:

<https://youtu.be/0cWvD4jDLzE>

School Photographer – Tuesday 24th November

Years 7, 9 and 11 will have their photographs taken on Tuesday 24th. We have altered our arrangements this year so that this can be undertaken with appropriate social distancing.

Best wishes,

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