



Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Weekly Update

Remarkably, we are now halfway through this half-term. We are flying towards the summer exams for Years 11 and 13 and these year groups are always, understandably, an important focus at this time of year. I would expect our 11 and 13s to be revising now, so please check in with them to support and encourage!

Covid-19 Summary

New cases	Students: Year 7 high, all other year groups moderate. Staff: Low
Communication	Use covid@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk for all Covid-19 related queries and to report new positive cases to us.
Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feverish ▪ A new, continuous cough ▪ A loss or change to sense of smell or taste ▪ Headache ▪ Upset stomach ▪ Sore throat ▪ Unusually tired
If you child has symptoms or a positive test	It is recommended that they do not attend school and take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to school if they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.
Isolation Work	Set via Microsoft Teams.

Uniform Drive Update

Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support with our uniform expectations. From Monday 21st March we will be introducing a no coats policy within the classroom. We are moving out of the winter months and believe we have reached a point where it is warm enough to implement the next stage of our uniform drive. With this change in mind could we please ask that you ensure your child (Year 7-10) has with them their blazers as this should be worn at all times unless permission has been given to remove. Please find below a reminder of our expectations so that we are working together to ensure all of our students are consistently in the correct uniform:

- The Emmbrook School blazer (Year 7-10) & tie are worn at an appropriate length (school jumpers may be worn in addition to the blazer).
- Plain white school shirt (top button must be done up and shirts tucked in).
- Plain black school trousers/ Skirts are expected to be of a loose-fitting and pleated design at an appropriate length.
- All black footwear must be worn.
- No extreme or unnatural cuts or colours of hair.
- No extreme make up/false nails/eyelashes.



- No jeans/denim/tight fitting skirts or leggings.
- No hoodies.
- Only one earring per ear lobe – no facial piercings.
- No headphones/airpods/ear buds.
- No fluffy socks

Sixth Form Football Match

On Wednesday 23rd March the first Sixth Form football match is taking place, kick off will be at 4pm, with two 30-minute halves on the 3G pitch. It's going to be Year 12 vs Year 13, which should create a great match.

On the day, we have teamed up with Brooky's Business Buddies who will be selling brownies, cookies, cakes, sweets and lemonade, this should help all students taking part in the 10X challenge. With music playing it will be a great atmosphere, so we hope many students from all year groups will come along to watch.

Support for the Ukrainian People

We continue to think of the plight of the Ukrainian people and these are good charities:

- [Oxfam Ukraine Appeal](#)
- [DEC Ukraine Appeal](#)
- [British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal](#)

If your child is being impacted by these developments please let us know (either via their tutor or Year Leader) so that we can support them.

Canteen Job Vacancies

There are currently two posts available for Catering Assistants in the school canteen. Please see the following [link](#) for more information.

I have really enjoyed meeting all the students who are sent to me by their Year Leader for a reward hot chocolate this half-term. It is a wonderful reminder of how many upstanding students we have and those who have been nominated should be very proud!

Best wishes,

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