



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## RE: Weekly Update

It was been a positive first week back after half-term and the lighter mornings and evenings always add to my sense of positivity!

### Covid-19 Summary

<b>New cases</b>	Students: Low Staff: Low
<b>Communication</b>	Use <a href="mailto:covid@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk">covid@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk</a> for all Covid-19 related queries and to report new positive cases to us.
<b>Symptoms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feverish</li> <li>▪ A new, continuous cough</li> <li>▪ A loss or change to sense of smell or taste</li> <li>▪ Headache</li> <li>▪ Upset stomach</li> <li>▪ Sore throat</li> <li>▪ Unusually tired</li> </ul>
<b>If you child has symptoms</b>	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.
<b>Isolation Work</b>	Set via Microsoft Teams.

### Record New Year 7 Intake for September

This week families with children in Year 6 received their offers for secondary school places in September. It is fantastic that we had such a large increase in families opting for The Emmbrook. Sadly, being oversubscribed does mean that there will be families who are disappointed not be offered places but there is a waiting list.

We are holding a short meeting for new Year 6 students and families at 6pm on Monday via an online event. The purpose is to introduce a few key members of staff rather than give detailed information about transition (which will happen in the Summer Term). If you know of anyone who might want to attend place feel free to share this [link](#) with them.

### Support for the Ukrainian People

I'm sure that everyone has been deeply moved by the shocking news from Ukraine and the terrible human impact on the Ukrainian people. I know that we have people of Ukrainian heritage within our community and our thoughts are particularly with them at this time. We have selected charities that are offering [humanitarian support to the people of Ukraine](#) and have already received support from the Queen. Please consider how you can help.

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





## **INSET Day Dates for Next Year**

We have agreed the INSET Days for the next academic year, these will be:

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

## **Year 11 Moving to Hall for Break and Lunch**

The temporary indoor break space for Year 11 in two classrooms is too cramped so the year group will have space in the hall during breaks from Monday. We are hoping that development work on a new dining hall will begin this year which will provide much better indoor space at break and lunch for all students.

## **Focus on Uniform Standards Continues**

My sincere thanks for your support with our drive on uniform following half term. This will continue to be a key focus over coming weeks. Could I please ask for your continued support in ensuring students are coming to school following the uniform expectations below:

- 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 headphones/airpods/ear buds.
- Coats to be worn over blazers.
- No fluffy socks

We are aware that a small number have experienced some issues with orders. We appreciate you keeping us informed with this. As a school we will always support our students and families so please contact your child's Year Leader if you foresee any issues with this or require any help or assistance with our uniform expectations.

## **Canteen Overdrafts**

Another reminder please that you need to ensure that you child's payment account is topped up (either via [ScoPay](#) or cash top-ups using the paying machine in the canteen). Card payments are also accepted. The caterers will appreciate your support as they cannot offer overdrafts.



I want to publicly commend Chloe Fiddler in Year 13 for demonstrating her integrity (one of our FAIR Values) when she handed in money that someone had lost this week. I always think how we act, particularly when no one is looking, reveals our true character and we can all be proud to have outstanding people like Chloe within our community.

Best wishes,

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