



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## RE: Weekly Update

Another busy week. As you'll see below Covid remains present, particularly in Year 7 at the moment, so please be vigilant and keep children off school if they have symptoms.

### Covid-19 Summary

<b>New cases</b>	Students: High and rising in Year 7, moderate numbers in 9, 12 & 13, low numbers in 8, 10 & 11. 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 or a positive test</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.

### Welcome to New Families for September 2022

I hope that our new families found our online meeting on Monday useful. We have launched an [updated transition page on the website](#). This includes a new series of short videos created by Mr Johnson aimed at introducing Year 6 students to the differences between primary and secondary school. If you know anyone who might find this useful then please pass it on to them.

### INSET Day Dates for Next Year

With apologies, there was a mistake in the INSET Days published last week. It is good news though, the students have an additional day of holiday after Christmas! The 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day will therefore be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, with students returning the following day. For clarity, all the INSET Days for the 2022/23 academic year are as follows:

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023



## Support for the Ukrainian People

The news from Ukraine continues to become grimmer. I have, therefore, kept the links from the last letter for charities that support the Ukrainian people:

- [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.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend during these unsettling times.

Best wishes,

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