



Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Weekly Update

Another very busy week here at The Emmbrook as we march at pace towards Christmas. I cannot quite believe that it is December next week and we will soon be into the season of plays and concerts. At present Covid-19 cases are, thankfully, relatively low so we plan to proceed with events (with some modifications, such as mask wearing). We will monitor the situation carefully.

INSET Day – Monday 29th November

Please remember that school is closed to students on Monday 29th for an INSET day.

Covid-19 Summary

New cases	Relatively low and stable.
Communication	Use covid@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk for all Covid-19 related queries and to report new positive cases to us.
Symptoms	Do not send your child to school and seek a PCR test if they have a positive LDF test or the following 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
Home Testing	Twice per week using LFD. Please report all results to the NHS .
Guidelines for Positive Cases in Your Household	Any child who has a household member test positive or has been identified as a close contact of a positive case via NHS Test and Trace or by other means should take a daily lateral flow test for 7 days, in addition to taking a one-off PCR test on day 3. Whilst engaging in daily LFD testing, anyone who tests negative can continue to attend school.
Test Exempt	Do not take LFD or PCR tests for 90 days after a positive PCR.
Isolation Work	Set via Microsoft Teams.
Mask Wearing	Required in communal areas, optional in lessons and outside. Please send you child to school with a suitable face mask.

Year 10 Work Experience

Next week we will launch work experience. All Year 10 parents are invited to a virtual event to introduce you to work experience at 7pm on Thursday 2nd December. Mr Maskell will be emailing parents directly with more information. Work experience will take place during the 4th-8th July 2022.



Year 11 Applications for the Sixth Form

A reminder to Year 11 parents that Sixth Form applications are still open. You will have been sent an email directly that makes clear how to apply. Please contact Mr Constable (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) with any questions or queries about the Sixth Form or Mrs Panesar (lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) for queries relating to the application process.

Year 11 Non-Core Exams

Our Year 11 students will be sitting non-core mock exams next week. Mr Whitehouse has already been in contact with both parents and students to share the details. Good luck!

Senior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all who were awarded certificates in the Senior Maths Challenge; particularly to Vikash Chauhan for the top performance in Year 12 and Patrick Collins for the top performance in Year 13.

School Production: A Christmas Carol

Another reminder that the school production takes place next week. Tickets are available from Student Reception (Adult - £7, Child - £5, Family, 2 adults and 2 children - £20) for the three night run (Tuesday 30th November, Wednesday 1st December and Thursday 2nd December at 7pm in the Main Hall). I'm very much looking forward to it. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the night.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 3rd December

The Sixth Form Leadership Team have selected a campaign to recognise 999 emergency services personnel as this half-term's non-uniform charity. As the son of a retired firefighter myself, I feel we are very lucky to have such support as a society. Students are asked to come with £1 to wear non-uniform. More information about this cause can be seen [here](#).

Christmas Dinner Order Deadline Friday 10th December

Students will have the opportunity to have Christmas dinner in the final week of term. Tickets can be purchased from the canteen from Monday 6th December to Friday 10th December. The amount will be debited from the student's account. The dates are as follows:

- Year 8 and 10 – Wednesday 15th December
- All other year groups – Thursday 16th December

I'm sure that the students will enjoy their extended weekend and we will see them as normal on Tuesday 30th November.

Best wishes,

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