



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Weekly Update

Happy New Year to you all! It was unfortunate that 2023 got off to a disrupted start due to the problems with the gas network supplying the school. I would like to thank you all for your support with remote learning.

### Gas Supply Update

Engineers have continued to work all day but still cannot say when the situation will be fully resolved. The measures we have taken to use heaters in classrooms have been effective and so those parts of the school without heating remain usable at present. I am conscious that the weather today is relatively mild and that should we have a very cold period, we may not be able to use some or all classrooms in Maths, Science, DT and Music. The classrooms in those areas represent almost half of all the classrooms on our site and therefore if we did lose the use of them it would most likely result in a partial or full closure. The forecast for next week looks much like today so I remain hopeful that we will not have to take any further drastic steps. I will keep you all apprised of future developments.

### Limited Menu in Canteen Monday and Tuesday

Due to the disruption of the last few days, our catering company has advised us that there will be a reduced menu for Monday and Tuesday.

### Sixth Form Applications Closed

We have been really pleased to see a high number of internal applications for places in September 2023. The deadline for applications has now passed, however, if your child would like to make a late application please contact Mr Constable (Sixth Form Leader) via [dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a public thanks to Mr Piotrowski, our Site Manager, for all of his efforts this week to manage the gas situation. I know that he is such a gracious man that he will say it was a team effort, but he really has worked incredibly hard to ensure that students could return to the site today.

Best wishes,

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