



Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

It was lovely to see so many Year 8 parents attend the information evening after school yesterday. I hope that you found it useful. The next year group information evening will be for Year 12 parents on Thursday 26th September.

This week's update includes a request from the PTA for new members to replace parents leaving this month as their children have left the school. The whole school benefits hugely from the PTA's fundraising so if you are interested in supporting them [please email the PTA directly](#).

Open Evening – Wednesday 18th September

As mentioned last week, this year's Open Evening runs from 6pm on Wednesday 18th September. I hope that we will have the majority of students with us that evening to support the event.

As we do every year, **school will end at 12.20pm on that day** to allow us to set up for the evening. The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been rearranged to be at school for 12.20pm, however, the 202 and 244 cannot be rearranged as these are shared services (so students who rely on these services will need to make alternative arrangements or remain to catch the bus at 3.30pm). If you would like your child to stay at school until 2.55pm then please notify us by Monday 16th September via Jane Rimmer (jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

If you would like more information about September 2025 then please visit our [website](#) or contact Mr Johnson (cjohnson@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

Costs of the School Day Parent Survey

We are proud to work in partnership with local charity [First Days](#) and would be grateful if you could find a few minutes to complete this [survey](#) on the costs associated with sending children to school and what we as a community can do to address any inequalities for students.

Parking and Safety

I've been contacted again this week by many of our neighbours to raise concerns about cars parking inconsiderately (by blocking access/driveways) or even dangerously (at junctions) when dropping off and picking up from school. Please be considerate of local residents. I was also contacted by a parent of younger children who was concerned by our students cycling on pavements without care for pedestrians. If your child cycles to school please remind them of the Highway Code which is clear that pedestrians always have priority.





New Absence Line Direct Number

Another reminder that you can now report absences by calling 01189 070279. We ask that you contact us on every day of absence.

Online Safety

We have recently been made aware that there are accounts circulating on social media with the main one named 'Schoolboy 9'. These accounts show concerning images which are explicit in nature and centered around children. Your child may have become aware of these and you may wish to discuss this with them and online safety in general. If you have any concerns then please contact us.

PTA Update

The PTA still need people to replace parents that are stepping down later this month – we need various roles filled but most importantly a **Co-Chair**. We have one parent that has stepped up but we need a second. Without this role filled, the **PTA cannot run and would have to be folded**, therefore no longer being able to support the school! Please let us know if you are able to help by emailing us on: PTA@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

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