



Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

I'm sure your child(ren) will have mentioned that the driveway was flooded by the Emm Brook on Monday. The driveway acts as a floodplain for the rest of the site and so will always flood before any other parts of the site. We have well established contingency measures and so were able to operate normally throughout the day. Please be aware that when the drive is flooded, we have backup vehicle access via another entrance located on Emmbrook Gate.

Lockdown Drill

My most important responsibility is always the safety of all students and staff. There have been occasions when schools have been required to go into lockdown in response to an emergency situation. In such situations, students are safely secured in classrooms with an adult until the emergency is dealt with. To ensure that we are prepared for any eventuality, we will be conducting a lockdown drill in the near future. Please be reassured that this is not in response to any specific intelligence; it is simply best practice to be prepared.

Next week Mr Bhambra will write to you all with a little more detail about our updated lockdown process. He will then start attending year group assemblies to brief the students so that everyone understands our expectations ahead of the drill. If you have any concerns then please contact Mr Bhambra (tbhambra@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) so that we can ensure your child is supported sensitively to participate in the drill.

Year 9 Parents' Meetings & Early School Closure – Thursday 6th February

A final reminder that Year 9 will have their parents' meetings on Thursday and so school will finish for all students at 12.20pm to facilitate this.

The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been rearranged for the earlier time, however, we cannot rearrange other shared bus services (so these services will leave at 3.30pm and, therefore, you may need to make alternative travel arrangements).

For parents that require it, we will be able to offer childcare provision until 2.55pm. Please email jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk by end of Monday to notify us that we shouldn't release your child until 2.55pm on Thursday.

Spring Concert – Save the Date

Advanced notice to reserve Wednesday 5th March, 7.00pm, in your diaries. More information will follow.





I hope you have a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes,

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