



EMMBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parents & Carers,

First of all I'd like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding at this tremendously difficult time. We have had to act very quickly and have asked you to respond very quickly to the ever changing situation. In such circumstances unforeseen issues do arise and mistakes can be made. The whole staff at Emmbrook Junior School are continuing to work incredibly hard to deliver the best possible remote education that they can for your children. We have had a remote learning contingency plan in place since early September but I'm sure you can appreciate there is a world of difference between making a plan and executing it. So again, I thank you for your patience.

This week we will be emailing an updated online learning agreement that will cover our expectations of the children in terms of acceptable behaviour when partaking in remote learning. Year group teams will email individual year groups their remote learning timetable for the rest of the week (if they haven't already). These timetables will include daily maths, writing and reading provision along with additional Learning Journey activities. There will also be online sport, spellings, BSL and class assemblies, details for which will be sent by teachers via ScoPay.

We have already begun delivering Power Maths books and blank exercise books for work to be recorded in. We hope to have all the books delivered over the next couple of days. This too is a significant challenge and I would like to thank the staff for their support in hand delivering these books to you. These books were all isolated over the Christmas break and staff sanitised before handling them, so we are confident there is little risk of transmission.

Both books MUST come back into school after lockdown as we will be using them as evidence of learning. Therefore children must treat these books as they would any other school book with the utmost respect. **They should not be used for doodling or scribbled in** and work must be presented to the same standard as it is in school. With the date of the activity and learning objective clearly recorded and underlined. We thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and support with this. Teachers will make it clear which activities in the Power Maths practice book should be completed each day. These activities run along side an input delivered by the teaching staff so we ask that children do not plough on through the activities but address the ones indicated by their teachers.

Over the next few days we are likely to encounter teething problems and as we learn more about how our provision is working we will adapt and improve but we do ask that you bear with us.

Contact details

For any learning queries or questions about learning please use the appropriate year group email address:

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year5@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

year4@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

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Teachers will be checking the year group emails once every day.

For any technical IT questions relating to Teams and access please email:

Office365@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

For any issues with Special Educational Needs or existing EHCPs please email:

lbrant@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

For any other questions or issues please email the admin team:

admin@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

We hope to continue our nurture provision from next week with invitations for remote nurture sessions being emailed out over the course of this week and where appropriate, groups of children may also be invited to take part in virtual learning interventions according to need.

Again I understand that many of you will be frustrated by the current situation and how we have had to respond to it. We are doing our best to balance the needs of the children with the expectations of government along with the quite natural anxieties and concerns of staff. We would prefer to have all children and all staff in school but this is simply not possible at this time of national crisis.

Stay Safe.

Many thanks,

Mr. J. Usher
Head Teacher