

# Emmbrook Junior School Newsletter

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## Message from Mr Usher



It seems that our luck ran out and despite my continually touching wood and carrying a four-leafed clover around with me, along with our robust risk assessment, we have had a member of staff test positive for Covid-19. A letter has been sent out to all parents regarding this and those children and adults in the member of staff's bubble have been asked to isolate **until the 18<sup>th</sup> of January**. The member of staff in question has not been in school since the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> of January and went for a test on Monday of this week. We only received the results of this test at 8:15am this morning. Therefore, I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to parents expecting to send their children in to school today, especially those turned away at the gate. I was on the phone with Public Health England soon after receiving the news of the positive test, my hope was to be able to contact parents before they arrived at school, but as I'm sure you can imagine, this phone call took far longer than I expected and as a result there was an unacceptable delay in our being able to contact parents. Thank you all for your understanding in this matter, we have already adjusted our procedures should this happen again. I have asked all the staff in the bubble in question to organise a test for themselves as soon as possible and ask that all parents are vigilant to the symptoms as outlined in the letter sent earlier today. **I also ask that parents are patient with the remote learning provision today as the year group in question moves to delivering content from home rather than school. If you child cannot access the learning today please do not worry or panic, they can still access Times Tables Rock Stars, enjoy some independent reading and use the Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize.**

Yet again I've had to ask more of you than I would like but I have been overwhelmed with the messages of support that we have received from parents since moving to remote learning for the majority. I'm not fishing for compliments and I know that we still have much work to do, but the encouragement we receive really does lift the spirits of staff.

A very big thank you to all those of you that have offered to donate tech and even buy brand new equipment for the school. The generosity of our community is one of the many things that make this such a wonderful place to lead a school. At the moment we seem to have the technology we need to support all our children as we are due to receive some additional support from the DfE next week.

## Remote Learning

For the most part we have been successful in our transition to remote learning for the majority of children, there are still teething problems but you should have received the Teams User guide along with your child's login details (which are identical to their Times Table Rock Star logins with the addition of @emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk).

You can find details of how to access recordings of lessons [here](#). As well as on our [letters page](#) Our remote learning safeguarding guidelines can also be found [here](#).

There have been issues on both sides and we ask parents to be aware of what they are doing in the background when their child is accessing live inputs which are recorded, cameras and microphones can be switched off,

especially if multiple family members need to use the room. **This is for your protection as well as the children and staff.**

Should you have a technical issue with accessing Teams please contact [office365@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office365@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk).

Any questions regarding the learning should go to the year group teams at:

[year3@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year3@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk)

[year4@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year4@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk)

[year5@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year5@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk)

[year6@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year6@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk)

These emails will be monitored at least once a day (more often in most cases) but please understand that staff may be delivering remote or live learning and may not be able to respond instantly. They will aim to respond by the next working day wherever possible.

As we are in the early stages of remote learning set-up, until further notice we will be delivering feedback in the following ways:

- . General feedback at the start of a lesson – this will come from discussing the previous session's task
- . Class mop-ups – taking the learning from the week and allowing children to trouble-shoot or discuss any issues
- . Responding to year group emails

As we develop and improve our remote learning provision, how we assess and feedback to children will develop but we are working towards a consistent approach across the school wherever possible.

## In School Learning

For the children who are part of our Critical Worker bubbles and accessing learning in school, please ensure that children are coming to school wearing layers for warmth. Our risk assessment includes increasing ventilation by having doors and windows open around the school. Tights, leggings, thermal underwear worn beneath school trousers or skirts along with additional base layers and sweat shirts are all ways of ensuring that children stay warm enough when in school.

As we are trying to minimise the time and number of people on the school site, please remember that only one adult should drop children off at school and can enter the site using the pedestrian path rather than road way which may still be used by traffic at this time. When on site for pick up or drop off we ask all parents to remain at least 2m apart and wear a face covering at all times. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

## Online Safety

As we continue with remote learning for the majority of children they will inevitably end up spending more time on line. While our provision includes 3 daily live learning inputs that does not mean the children should be spending 4 hours a day looking at a screen.

To support online safety, I have added some links below that you may find useful in keeping your child safe when online.

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Internet Matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

AVG - <https://www.avg.com/en/signal/how-to-keep-your-children-safe-online>

### 10 tips for keeping your children safe online

1. Have a conversation with your kids
2. Keep your computer in a common area of the house
3. Know which other computers your children are using
4. Remind your children, "Don't talk to strangers — or meet them"

5. Make internet time family time
6. Know your children's passwords
7. Watch for changes in your children's behaviour
8. Pay attention to any gifts anyone gives your children
9. Check your children's browsing history
10. Set rules — and stick to them

You can find out about a wide range of apps and online platforms at: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

## Ofsted Parent View



<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

In advance of any possible visit from Ofsted in the coming year, it would be useful if parents could give their feelings about the school via Parent View. Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. We only ask that if you do have any issues you raise them with us first so that we have a chance to address them.

## Amazon Wish List



**A huge thank you to everyone who has been kind enough to visit our school's Amazon wish list** to order books and other resources for us. We would like the opportunity to thank you individually for your generous contributions. In order for us to be able do this, please add your name to the **'free personalised gift message'** that should appear when you click on the option to deliver the item to our school address (some of you have done this and you should get a thank you email). Alternatively, please

let the school office know (via a quick email) when you have bought something. Thanks again. Your support makes such a difference.

To access the wish lists, go into your Amazon account and click on the 'Account & Lists' tab at the top. Click on 'Find a List' then search for Emmbrook Junior School. Happy shopping!

**Alternatively, please use the link:**

We really appreciate everything that you do to support and contribute to school life at Emmbrook Junior School. **Thank you so much from all of the staff and the children.**

## Lockdown Rules & Guidance

More information regarding the latest national lockdown can be found at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

More information on the Lockdown rules can be found at [www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home)

Guidance on making a childcare bubble with another household at: [www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household)

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