



EMMBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Year 6 Parents & Carers,

My apologies for the lateness of my email this morning. We made the decision to revert to remote learning this morning having received confirmation of two positive PCR tests in the year group. Thank you to all those of you that have already arranged a PCR test for your children. We have already had several reports of PCR tests coming back negative although the children are still unwell.

As the children will be remote learning tomorrow and Friday they will not be able to participate in the disco on Friday or have their photos taken. We have agreed that an alternative date will be arranged for Y6 photos to be taken. Any Y6 children who have siblings in other year groups will have the opportunity for photos with their siblings at this time. We have contacted the PTA to discuss what they would like to do in terms of the disco. As soon as we have more information on these matters we will contact you.

We have received queries as to why we didn't fully revert to remote learning from today. I made the decision as I am aware that to effectively close a year group at the last minute would be problematic to say the least for a large number of parents and carers. The guidance also states that we should avoid such closures as much as possible. Some might consider moving to remote learning over the next two days unnecessary, however we feel that this approach is the best balance for both Y6 and the school as a whole.

As I shared in my letter to all parents the current guidance states:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- *they are fully vaccinated*
- *they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months*

Therefore, provided we do not have any further cases identified via a PCR test, we will return to face to face learning in Y6 from Monday the 4th of October. Should any more positive PCR tests be returned we will follow the guidance laid out by Public Health England and potentially continue with remote learning for a period up to 10 days or as advised. Children with positive PCR tests will need to isolate for a period of 10 days from the onset of symptoms or where there are no symptoms, from the date of the test.

Should you need support with accessing remote learning please contact the year group directly via the year group email address: year6@emmbrook-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

We sincerely hope that PCR tests continue to come back negative and we are able to return to face to face learning as soon as possible. If you could report the results (negative or positive) of PCR test back to the admin team ASAP this will help us to make the best decisions for the school as a whole.

The Y6 team have been working very hard to ensure that any disruption to learning is minimised over the next two days and I thank them for their dedication.

I would also like to thank you for your on-going support and patience at this difficult time for the school.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Usher', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Usher
Head Teacher