



EMMBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Year 6 Parents & Carers,

I'd like to start by thanking you all for your tremendous support over the past couple of days. As the number of confirmed cases by PCR tests has now reached 5, I have been in contact with the Department of Education, Wokingham Borough Council and Public Health England.

All parents and carers should have received a letter this evening that provides a wide range of information in regards to Covid-19. The letter sent to all parents is a generic letter provided by PHE and may seem contradictory to the decision we made to revert to remote learning today and tomorrow. We made this decision to enable parents and carers time and space to arrange tests.

A great deal of thought and discussion was had before choosing to temporarily revert to remote learning. By providing remote learning today and tomorrow we hope that we have enabled as many families as possible to arrange a PCR test. Although we do not require anyone to take such a test or share the results with us, we are very grateful to those of you that have chosen to do so. The more information that we have the better we are able to make decisions.

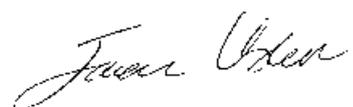
We have been advised that from Monday only those children with a positive PCR test, those that have [symptoms](#), or have been told to isolate by NHS tack and trace should be required to access learning remotely. However, if your child develops other cold like symptoms not listed via the link above, you may wish to get them tested as a matter of caution.

Face to face learning will be available to all other Year 6 children in school. Following guidance from PHE and WBC we will be keeping Year 6 and staff impacted as a separate close contact group and avoid all contact with other year groups. This means that we will be reintroducing some of the measures that we have previously had in place such as keeping children separate from other year groups at break time and lunch times as well as continuing our other controls.

I am aware that many of you may be anxious about sending your children into school in the present circumstances and so remote learning will continue to be available for those that choose not to come into school. I am seeking guidance as to how such an absence should be recorded but we will not be counting it as unauthorised and so if you choose to continue with remote learning next week a penalty notice will not be issued.

However, it would be very helpful if we had an indication of who will and won't be in school next week so that we can ensure learning is both adequately staffed and resourced. We would therefore be very grateful if you could complete the linked survey by the end of the day tomorrow with how you intend to proceed. <https://forms.office.com/r/KPQVdpbaee>
This is no way a binding agreement and you are fully entitled to change your mind at any point during the week. We only ask that you let us know so that we can be prepared.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juan Usher". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Many thanks,".

Mr J Usher
Head Teacher