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Newsletter 6

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Unprecedented Times!

Continuing the theme from last week, I want all parents to be aware of the challenges we are facing on a daily basis. Things you might want to know:

- ⇒ So far we have not had one school day where all school staff have been able to attend work.
- ⇒ We are averaging around 25 PCR tests a day with suspected Covid.
- ⇒ The office have concluded that at least the first two hours of each morning is being taken up with Covid related issues.
- ⇒ We are averaging around 8 to 10 pupils being sent home daily, due to them not being well or displaying classic Covid symptoms.

Wembrook is clearly not alone. My weekly Headteacher Team meetings with the LA are making very gloomy viewing at the moment, as I hear about how other schools are also struggling with the challenges. **This is why we all need to continue with doing what we are doing. It is the only way we are going to get through this.**

Please remember

- If your child is self isolating, work will be sent to the pupil's school email.
- Please read all communications between school and home with care. Our telephones are very busy with many questions being asked, when the answers have already been given.
- You know your child best. If you are reporting that your child is ill with a symptom then we must ask for you to have them PCR tested. If you know that they have not got Covid then reflect on what you say.
- When leaving messages on either ParentMail or the answerphone, please be specific with type of illness and not report **unwell**. This will save the office ladies making multiple phonecalls for clarification.
- Have a serious chat with your child about fabricating illnesses. The frustrating reality is if your child says they have various symptoms, then we have to respond.
- If another child in your child's class is Covid positive then you will receive a letter requesting your child to have a PCR test. Please support the request.
- The Delta variant can show as a **headache and sickness**.
- LFT's have their place but should not be used if any symptoms are present no matter how minor. Just because the LFT says negative does not necessarily mean you are. A PCR is much more accurate and should be used if symptoms are present.
- If you have taken a PCR because you have symptoms, isolate until you have the results. If you have taken a test because you are just being cautious you may go about your business.

Thank You Mr P

- **If we are going to get through this winter then we all have a role to play. If your child is poorly, then do not send them to school.**

Believe and Achieve

Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th October 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Thursday 21st October 4:00pm to 7:30pm

Following on from the success of our video calls last year we will be repeating the same procedures again. *We sincerely hope that we will be able to return to face to face parent meetings next term.*

As last time, Parents Evening will take place through Video calls. These can take place on your phone, tablet or computer.

They will last 9 minutes. If you are late to the meeting you will not be able to gain entry. At the end of the allotted time the meeting will automatically finish.

Appointments can be made from today and will close on Monday 18th October at 3:00pm. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://wembrookprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. Login with the following information:

Your Details including an email address that you have regular access to.

Pupil's First Name:

Pupil's Surname:

Class

Date of Birth

Legal names should be used, not preferred names.

The system should recognise all your children who attend Wembrook.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Sounds complicated....watch this 7 minute video which makes it very easy to understand.

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

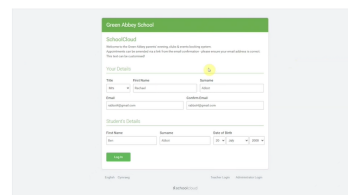
If parents are separated they can either attend together-you can link the meetings, or you can attend separately.

The systems needs to recognise all adult names as you would have filled in the forms when your child started school. If you are experiencing difficulties, is it around you putting in William, Bill or Will?

Also check your title we could have you down as a Miss, Ms or Mrs.

Video Appointments: Parents - How to attend appointments over video call

This video shows you how to log in to book, and later attend, video appointments at your school's Parents Evening. Underneath the video is a help article with written information to the same effect including how to invite another parent/guardian to join your appointments.

A screenshot of a web form titled 'Green Allens School SchoolCloud'. The form is for booking a video appointment. It includes sections for 'Your Details' (Name, Email, Phone, Address, Postcode) and 'Children's Details' (Child's Name, Date of Birth, Class). There are 'Book' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

Video Download: Evening Parent/Carer from: SchoolCloud on Vimeo

Welcome

A warm welcome to our Nursery children, who have now started school. It is lovely to have you here.

