



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parent

I hope this communication finds you well. I continue to be impressed by the conduct of Emmanuel students during these unusual times; the atmosphere in College is calm and focused. In light of the developing situation in the North East, this communication includes notice of some new restrictions that have been put in place to ensure the safety of students, staff and others in the local community, as well as reminders of our current measures.

Parking

We are actively working to ensure the safety of students who are dropped off in the Watergate Car Park. As the weather starts to become more inclement more students may be dropped off by car at the Watergate Car Park. Could I please urge parents to be mindful of other users of the car park and ask that the pedestrian walkways are not blocked as you enter or exit the car park so that this remains a safe place for pedestrians and road users.

Lobley Hill shops

Due to the increased local restrictions and concerns raised by members of the surrounding community and local business owners, Emmanuel students will no longer be permitted access to the Lobley Hill shops before or after school. Students who need to purchase items to bring to school will need to prepare in advance.

Journey to/from school

Our expectation is that students who are walking to and from school will walk directly to College/home with no detours. While students should aim to arrive in College at their allocated time, if they arrive slightly earlier or later due to unforeseen circumstances they must still walk immediately to College and then directly to their tutor rooms. Students should be present in College by 9am.

In line with local restrictions students must not congregate or wait for their friends at any time during their journey to and from College.

If you normally collect your child from school but are unexpectedly unable to do so at your allocated time, can I please ask that you let Reception know as soon as possible. Students must be collected from Watergate Car Park if being collected by car and must not be left waiting in the College vicinity for family to collect them.

If your child travels to school by bus, please ensure they are aware of the need to practice social distancing while waiting at the bus stop, with their masks ready for boarding.

Update on COVID-19 cases

In College this week, six students have tested positive for COVID-19. One student is in Year 7, three are in Year 10, and two are in Year 13. The two Year 10 cases are linked, but the others are not; there is no evidence of widespread transmission within College. Close contacts of the positive cases have been informed and are now self-isolating.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Waterfield
Principal