



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well during these trying times we are facing. College remains a place of purposefulness and positivity and I continue to be proud of the way our students are continuing to learn and develop in character in the face of adversity.

Charity initiative

Over the past few weeks, we have been engaged as a community in selecting a number of charities to support in the run-up to Christmas. The suggestions put forward by the student body contained a host of organisations doing invaluable work, but our final choices have been confirmed as Gateshead Food Bank, FACT (Fighting All Cancers Together), and Mental Health Matters. It is fitting that each of the selected charities has a connection to our region as they work to meet the basic needs of people, support mental health, and help those battling with a physical health need.

As we have gathered together (remotely) in College each morning, we have encouraged the staff and student bodies to consider how we each might contribute. I am quite aware that this time is not an easy one for some in our own community, but we have set our sights high in our endeavour to make a contribution to the wellbeing of those going through a period of particular struggle. We dedicated this morning's edition of *Good Morning Emmanuel* to unveiling our 'totaliser' which has been expertly crafted by Messrs Thomas and Wallace. We would be thrilled if we could meet our target of £9,000 by Christmas. Can I encourage you to discuss with your children in the days ahead whether you can give to the appeal and how much you can donate. If every member of staff and every student gave £5 we would reach our total; of course, if you are able to give more, please feel free to do so.

You can make a contribution to the College charity initiative [here](#). Students and staff will also be able to make cash donations in College from Monday.

Update on positive COVID-19 cases

This week, there has been one new positive case of COVID-19 reported to us – a student in Year 8. We have identified close contacts and have acted accordingly. Gateshead Public Health remains satisfied with our response to the pandemic. Please do remember that if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms they should not come into College.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Waterfield
Principal