



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Participation Achievement Support Success

Headteacher: Mr Jon Ford



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Dear Parents / Guardians

At Imberhome School we believe that homework is an integral part of your child's learning. Homework takes many forms, including question and answer tasks, investigations, research, essays, guided revision and project work. Whatever the task set, our philosophy is that homework must enhance our students' learning and should not be set as a means simply to occupy our learners' time. With this in mind, it is not always appropriate to set a homework task each week in every subject, often because some subjects have less curriculum time than others.

For the first time this year, we are introducing Independent Learning Projects (ILPs) as part of an *Independent Learning Passport* which all of our Key Stage 3 students use. These documents encourage students to consider a wide range of skills which are required to be independent and effective learners and they help our students to track which skills they have used to complete a project that is spread over the course of a half-term.

In this information pack, you will see the following documents:

- A copy of the Homework Policy which sets out specific homework requirements and guiding principles.
- A copy of the Independent Learning Projects calendar for the year 2007-08.
- An example of one Independent Learning Project for reference.
- An example of the Independent Learning Project Action Plan which students are encouraged to use to plan their projects and evaluate them.
- A copy of the PowerPoint slides used at the Parents' Briefing Evening for Homework on Wednesday 10th October 2007.

All of these documents will be available on the school's website in the Parents and Students sections by the end of October 2007.

If you have any specific questions about any aspect of homework, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Headteacher

