



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mr Jon Ford



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Dear Parents, Guardians,

*“ImberStay”
The Imberhorne School “Homestay Programme”*

Monday 29th March – Friday 2nd April 2010

I am writing to inform you about an exciting project that we have set up at Imberhorne: “ImberStay” – The Imberhorne School Homestay Programme. It is a joint venture in collaboration with a French Tour Company called European Language Services (ELS Euro-Sejours) who are based in Laval, near Le Mans in France.

At Imberhorne we have successful Homestay Tours to Le Mans, Madrid and new for 2009 – Berlin involving students from all across the School. It is a very popular and rewarding trip where students stay in pairs with a French host family for the whole week.

As a result of the Tour we have forged strong links with the Tour Operator and the nature of these Tours will continue to go from strength to strength. **“ImberStay”** is our Homestay Programme based here at Imberhorne. Usually we receive groups of French students over the course of the academic year from schools in France but sometimes we have other international partners of ours visiting such as from Germany, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania and hopefully in the future from China. This will prove to be advantageous for both the schools and ourselves, as we will invite these students to spend a day in school with our students. However, in order for this to be successful, **I require your help by asking you if you would be prepared to be a Host Family.**

As a Host Family there are several advantages open to you as well. First and foremost you will be paid - £11 per night per student. The money is to assist you with the extra meals and other costs you may incur during the week. You would be required to host 1 or 2 students for the week but, depending on your circumstances, you may prefer to host 1 or 2 of the adults accompanying the students. The students you would host will tend to be of a similar age to your children and this would undoubtedly result in a very useful and rewarding trip for everyone involved.

ImberStay has grown from strength to strength since it started six years ago, and we now have over 40 families involved. The families have all had very rewarding experiences and many of our students have remained in contact with their partners and their families.





Therefore, if you are interested in becoming a host family, please fill in the slip below and return it to your son/daughter's language teacher at school or alternatively send it to me at Imberhorne. I will be in contact with you immediately to arrange a time, which is convenient to you for me to visit you.

This year's Imberstay will take place during the final week before the Easter holidays

Monday 29th March – Friday 2nd April 2010.

(The group will arrive late afternoon of the 29th and leave at 8am on Good Friday.)

Please note that Friday 2nd April is Good Friday.

You can also contact me by email : fmurray@imberhorne.co.uk

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

F Murray
Second in Modern Foreign Languages

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Please return slip to your son/daughter's language teacher or Mr F Murray at Imberhorne School

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Dear Mr Murray

I am interested in receiving further information regarding my becoming a host family for the ImberStay programme – 29th March – 2nd April 2010

Son/Daughter's name

Your name

Signature

Date

Contact telephone number(s)

Email

