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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Imberhorne Community Sports Hall

I am delighted to confirm the news you may have seen in the local paper that WSCC has allocated £1.3m to provide the sports hall we so desperately need at the Upper School site on Imberhorne Lane. The County Council are allocating this money on the understanding that the school and community will raise a further £200,000 to fund a £1.5m project. Based on my assurances that this can be achieved, the detailed planning is beginning this week with a view to start building in the first half of next year and we will no longer be the only secondary school in West Sussex without a sports hall by the end of 2012 or at some point in 2013.

This is exciting news and I am grateful to our local County Councillors, not least Heidi Brunsdon, who joined the Governing body last year, for their support in County Hall.

We now have to fulfil our end of the bargain by raising the £200,000 contribution whilst seeking possible further sources of funding so that we can ensure we can achieve all our ambitions for this project including provision for drama, dance and music performances.

So far we have raised or have pledges for over one quarter of this amount but we need your support if we are to achieve the target of £200,000. If we assume that we raise a further £50,000 from other sources, the simple arithmetic is that we need to raise the equivalent of £60 per student or £5 a month for a year.

Some parents will have only older children in the school and may feel that although the sports hall will be available for use by the whole community, their children may not benefit as much as younger children. I would urge those parents to consider offering their support as a gift to the next generation of students. Other parents will have children currently based at lower school and may want to help provide a facility that will be in place for their children as they move to KS4.

The fund raising committee has been meeting regularly and a number of events are being planned. Information can be found on the school website www.imberhorne.co.uk and any offers of help or fundraising ideas can be emailed to sportshall@imberhorne.co.uk.





Supporting the fund raising effort can be done in a number of ways. Here are a few suggestions:

- Support a fund-raising activity.
- Offer items or promises for an auction of promises.
- If you work for a local company, ask if they will support the project.
- Large companies often have community funds that they may offer if asked.
- Would your employer donate goods or services which we can auction, raffle or sell?
- You may wish to contribute directly (gift-aided if you are a tax payer). We do recognise that money may be very tight at the moment but others may be in a position to be generous.
- You may prefer to make a pledge to raise or donate a named sum by a certain date so that you can plan ahead.
- You may wish to support students or staff as they take part in sponsored activities.

Please remember that the design on the website is an architect's concept and maybe subject to change but what seemed like a pipedream is soon to be a reality. We need your support if we are to achieve all our aspirations as we continue to make Imberhorne the best school it can be for your children and provide an outstanding facility for the community we serve.

Best wishes,

Jon Ford
Headteacher

Bob Darvill
Chair of Governors

Jane Thomson
Chair of Sports Hall Committee