



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

**Compassion**  
**Achievement**  
**Respect**  
**Endeavour**

*The cornerstones of our  
learning community*

25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite my recent optimism with regards to Covid infections we are unfortunately seeing a rise in school once again. Numbers are still well below our most difficult periods but I thought you should be aware of this trend. The most significant rise has been in Year 7, on Wednesday we had 37 positive cases. I would advise parents, particularly of Year 7 students, to be cautious and undertake LFD tests with your sons/daughters if you are at all concerned.

Understandably this rise in infection rates is mirrored amongst staff, this means we are also starting to experience higher rates of absent staff which inevitably means more cover lessons at the moment. I hope these rates reduce in the coming days, I will keep you informed of any important changes or pressures we are experiencing.

## Headteacher Interviews

We have held interviews for the new Headteacher, yesterday (Thursday) and today. I hope we are able to announce who the successful candidate is next week. It is of course a very important decision; the interview process requires the candidates to prove their capability in a wide range of areas of school life. This means that a significant number of people are involved and helping shape the outcome. These interview days have taken a huge amount of planning and preparation, led by our school governors. We are very grateful for the time and effort everyone has devoted to this process.

## Year 11 and Sixth Form Whole Year Group Photographs

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** we intend to take whole year group photographs for Year 11 and the Sixth Form. This is a long-held tradition of the school and provides valued mementoes for students as a reminder of their time at school. Year 11 students must be in full school uniform. Information about how to purchase these photographs will be provided once prints are ready.

## Education and Skills Strategy Survey

West Sussex County Council are developing a new three-year Education & Skills strategy outlining how they intend to support the learning of children and young people across West Sussex from early years to adulthood. To help inform and develop the draft strategy, they have requested that parents and carers are given the opportunity to complete a short survey which is open from now until 3rd April 2022 via the following link: <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/es-strategy>

## Inclusion and SEND

We work hard to be as inclusive as possible at Imberhorne. Whilst there is a strong academic core to what we offer and what we achieve, within our community there are also students who need support in different ways and at different times. We are experiencing a rise in the number of students who have special educational needs, this mirrors national trends. At present we have 27 students in the school who have EHCPs (Education and Health Care Plans), these are the students who need the most support. This is a rise of 10 students since this time last year.

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Our SEND department support any students experiencing learning difficulties in a range of ways.

We also have other groups of students who need different support, this can be for a range of reasons from poor mental health, poor physical health, anxiety or significant social factors that affect their ability to engage with lessons. These students will have varying degrees of contact with our inclusion centre called the Bridge. Students who work in the Bridge, perhaps for a limited amount of time or for concentrated periods are supported with their learning as well as receiving additional mentoring to help with other issues. A supportive and caring school environment that has such flexibility can make all the difference. We are proud of the varied ways we help and support a wide range of students and keep them attending school throughout the challenges they may face. Please follow the provided link for information about inclusion written by our SENDCo Mrs Marchant -

<http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/sites/default/files/SEND%20Inclusion%20Mar%202022.pdf>

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown  
Headteacher

Attachment: Key Dates



# What's coming up...

## Key dates for your diary



### Week 27A

Geography Challenge Fortnight

Mon 28th

Tues 29th

Wed 30th

Thurs 31st

Y8 Sleeping Trees Theatre Performances in school  
 Y7 Mary Poppins Theatre Trip  
 DofE Silver Assessed Expedition Thu 31st Mar - Sun 3rd Apr

Fri 1st Apr

### Week 28B

Geography Challenge Fortnight  
 Y8 Targeted Mentoring Week

Mon 4th

Tues 5th

Wed 6th

Thur 7th

Y10 Tutor Reports published  
 Y11 & Sixth Form Year Group Photographs  
 I Dance Performance

Fri 8th

School finishes at 12.20pm  
 Easter holidays - return Mon 25th April