



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

School Improvement Plan

As part of the overview West Sussex provide, all schools are allocated an advisor who has regular contact with each school in the county. We were pleased to welcome our link advisor back into school for a visit this week. Another tentative sign that things are slowly returning to normal. This was a very positive experience and provided helpful feedback on the areas we have chosen to focus on this year. We draft our school improvement plan, annually, to identify areas of focus for the coming year. This plan is available on our website -

<http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/strategic-priorities>

Dates

A reminder that we are about to enter into the last week of this half term. We finish school next **Friday 22nd October**, resuming after the half term break on **Monday 1st November**. As soon as we return we are having discussions with our Year 11 students about post-16 choices in advance of our **Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 18th November**. This is an important year for students in Year 11 and Year 13 as they prepare for examinations in the summer of 2022. Year 11 students have five school weeks (once they return from half term) before they commence **mock exams in December**. The school year feels as though it is moving rapidly already.

Vaccinations

I am aware there is still much debate surrounding vaccinations in school. We recently hosted the immunisation team at the Imberhorne Lane site so they could vaccinate students in Years 10 and 11 (for whom parents gave consent). The immunisation team will be visiting the Windmill Lane site in mid-November to offer vaccinations to our younger students. Although the guidance from the immunisation team is very clear I will remind parents that **no student can be vaccinated without consent being given**.

If parents have missed the opportunity for their child to have the flu vaccine at school (this does not include the Covid-19 vaccination) vaccinations can be booked independently by ringing the vaccination clinic on this number 01273 696011 (Crawley team - ext 2043). For the Covid-19 vaccination, students aged over 16 can either book a vaccination or simply visit a walk-in centre near them - <https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/first-and-second-vaccinations/walk-in-vaccination-sessions/>



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Covid-19 Testing

Whilst locally infection rates appear low that is not the case across West Sussex. We therefore encourage regular testing at home to ensure the virus does not spread into school. Close contacts are strongly advised to get a PCR test but don't have to wait for the result by staying off from school. As an extra protective step, the Government is asking close contacts to also take a home test (Lateral Flow Test) before they attend school, waiting the short time for a negative result whilst awaiting the results of the PCR test. Should the LF test result be positive, one must self-isolate until you receive your PCR results back.

School Fund

We will shortly be placing a request for school fund on to Parentpay. This is a voluntary contribution made by families to the school. These contributions support the wider life of the school, helping us provide extra equipment to be used by departments or materials to be used generally across the school. We are very grateful for any support families can provide.

In addition to this I am pleased to say that Imberlink, our school charity, is available on AmazonSmile. By following this unique charity link,; <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/271227-0> when shopping on Amazon you will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of any goods you buy, to the school.

Alternatively, many parents and supporters use Easyfundraising to support Imberhorne's charity, Imberlink. If you would like to support us on Easyfundraising, signing up is easy and completely free. Over 5,900 shops and sites will donate to Imberlink every time you shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself – this is a great way to help us out.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown
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