



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have managed to have a relaxing break with your families as we approach the new year. We are in an ever-changing environment at present and I am aware that many of your plans will have been adapted or cancelled according to government advice. It remains a very challenging time for us all.

We have been following information carefully over the last couple of weeks. The Government have revised plans for schools for two reasons, primarily to reduce transmission in school age students as well as ensuring schools can establish effective testing systems to help identify those carrying the virus who may not yet be displaying symptoms. As you are probably aware updated guidance for schools was published on Wednesday afternoon. We are now able to confirm our arrangements for the start of term.

To undertake planning and participate in government training there will be no lessons on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

From **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** we will provide virtual lessons for students in Year 11 and Year 13, overwhelmingly these will be video lessons providing appropriate support and interaction for students. Students in Years 7,8,9,10 and 12 will follow an online learning programme. They will access their work in Google Classroom and should follow their normal school timetable. Some students may be asked to attend school this week in preparation for an external exam in the following week. Students will be invited directly by their teachers if this applies.

From **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January** we anticipate providing face to face lessons in school for Year 11 students. Year 13 students will have an assessment week (as scheduled), this means they will only attend school to sit exams. All other students (Years 7,8,9,10 and 12) will have virtual lessons. These will overwhelmingly be video lessons, they will follow their normal school timetable.

From **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January** we anticipate that all students will be attending school, in lessons, receiving face to face teaching.

As I am sure you appreciate, considering the alterations and adaptations we have experienced to date, the above arrangements are subject to changes that may be imposed by government as they seek to manage the pandemic.



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From **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** we will be accommodating a small number of students in school. These are the children of key workers or are students who require particular support from the school. If you believe your son or daughter needs this provision please contact either [tmonaghan@imberhome.co.uk](mailto:tmonaghan@imberhome.co.uk) (KS3) or [kbuss@imberhome.co.uk](mailto:kbuss@imberhome.co.uk) (KS4). We have very limited capacity to staff such groups (teachers are delivering online lessons) so ask that you only request a place at school for your son or daughter if additional support is necessary.

I appreciate this is a difficult time for families as you juggle work, home life and your children's education. We appreciate your support and will continue to provide the best education we can for our students.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown  
Headteacher