



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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

*The cornerstones of our  
learning community*

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

You have all had the time to digest our news shared on Tuesday evening. We appreciate it is unsettling to hear about a positive case of Covid-19 in the school community but want to reassure you that the school has been very calm and settled all week. Thankfully infection rates in our locality remain low but we cannot be complacent. We are continuing to review all that we do and keep a close eye on procedures.

I remain very impressed with our students at this time, their enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and good humour make the school such a positive place to be. In preparation for a recent Governors' meeting I prepared some statistics comparing the start of this year with the start of the previous academic year. How well the students are conducting themselves really stands out. There are many indicators showing that students are being even more kind and caring towards each other, that classrooms are focussed and behaviour is very good.

Having mentioned our school Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a number of recent additions to the governing body, they are Claire Marsden, Richard Poole, Maria Kinsella, Sally Percy and Abigail Watkinson. We are delighted to have such a number joining us at this time and extend a warm welcome to them all. Being a School Governor requires commitment and effort, the school community benefits enormously from all that our Governors do.

We really missed holding our usual start of term briefing meetings with parents, these events always provide a wonderful opportunity for us to share what we are doing, and what we hope to do, in the coming weeks and months. Instead we have been posting video briefings. We recognise they are not quite the same but hope they provide a flavour of life at the school and help keep you informed about important matters. We are currently exploring ways to run parental consultation evenings through the use of video technology. This will, we believe, facilitate more personalised interactions and provide ways for us to share detailed feedback about your sons and daughters.

You may be aware, through our recent Facebook posts, that an ex-student, Sam Tutty has been hailed as a rising star in British Theatre after he secured two prizes in the Stage Debut Awards 2020. Best Performer in a Musical and Best West End Debut Performer. We are of course immensely proud of Sam and all that he has achieved in such a short time since leaving us in 2016. Not only is he an extremely talented individual (so plain to see all the way through school) but a lovely young man too. He is a credit to the local community.

Yours faithfully

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