



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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learning community*

19th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This is my final letter to you. After nine years of Headship and five years as a Deputy Headteacher I am leaving the school this summer. It has been a privilege to undertake these roles in such a wonderful school, I shall forever reflect on my time at Imberhorne and all the experiences I have had, I have many fond memories. Leading a school involves interesting and varied challenges, a Headteacher must be looking in many directions at once, considering the students, staff, parents, carers and wider community. Strong partnerships feed into the school and help create success. I am extremely grateful for the support I have received from so many people. Parents and carers continue to be overwhelmingly positive and encouraging, I have tried my best to make sure you are always informed and involved as much as possible, I have always valued your ideas and feedback and thank you all for your communication, involvement and the belief you show in what we do.

The Covid years (I hope now truly behind us) revealed many things. What they showed me is that first and foremost schools must be caring communities. When every aspect of school was stripped away we had to look after each other, be kind, listen and provide support. Throughout this year we have seen a gradual return to normality and other, more predictable, pressures have crept back into school life, we must put these in perspective. I think we will continue to live with the impact of Covid for a period of time as some families and individuals adjust to the massive upheaval they experienced. This manifests itself in a range of ways, many students appear untouched and continue to prosper but some students are still adjusting socially to the expectations of school, having missed key experiences and the clear boundaries we provide. We work with all our students and families. Education is a journey; this journey can be bumpy for some but it is important that we persevere. Our students are the future, working with them to instil the values and character we believe in is an important vocation, society cannot afford to exclude anyone, we grow as one community.

Summer Reading Challenge

I am grateful to my colleagues in the English department for creating a 'Summer Reading Challenge' further information is attached. It is important to continually raise the profile of reading for all. Regular reading helps students develop an age appropriate vocabulary, an essential part of exam success. Most underachievement at school can be traced back to literacy deficits. Please continue to talk to your sons and daughters about the importance of reading, in any form.

Sports Day

I am writing this letter on the eve of Sports Day. This is always such a great way to bring our school community together. There have been challenges this year with the extreme heat. I hope it is a success and provides one of those memories for students to carry with them.

Sports Day Transport Arrangements

For Sports Day, held at our Imberhorne Lane site, I can share the following transport arrangements:

Imberhorne Lane
East Grinstead
West Sussex
RH19 1QY

Tel: 01342 323562

E-Mail: info@imberhorne.co.uk

www.imberhorne.co.uk





In the morning:

- Metrobus 643, 642, 624, Crawley Luxury 903, Turbostyle E579, Vision Travel, Lingfield Minibuses call at Imberhorne Lane
- Metrobus 638 and 648 stop at the Felbridge Hotel, students will need to walk to the Imberhorne Lane site using the pedestrian crossing
- Southdown 236 service from Dormansland and Lingfield stop on the Lingfield Road opposite the park at Lower School and students walk to Imberhorne Lane

In the afternoon:

- Metrobus 642, 643, 624, Crawley Luxury 903, Turbostyle E579, Vision Travel, Lingfield Minibuses call at Imberhorne Lane
- Metrobus 638 and 648 stop at the bus stop near the BP station (London Road) students walk to get the service at 3.23pm
- Students needing to get back to Dormansland and Lingfield walk back to Lower School to board the Southdown 236 service at 3.15 or the 409 service at 3.42pm

Thursday 21st July Transport Arrangements

As you know the school year finishes on Thursday 21st July at 12.20pm. Bus services on that day are as follows:

Metrobus services

- Metrobus services 638, 648, 643, call in on both sites as normal at 12.20pm.
- Metrobus service 281 – will operate but the stops are Gardenwood Road 13.15pm and Felbridge Hotel at 13.21pm
- Metrobus service 291 – will operate calling at the London Road stop near the Lingfield Roundabout at 12.44pm and continues to Felbridge for 12.51pm
- Metrobus 84 – will operate from East Grinstead Station at 12.39pm travelling back to West Hoathly and Sharpthorne
- **Metrobus 624 -will not operate at this time so students travelling to Smallfield and Horley will need to make other arrangements.**

Coaches and Taxis

The following coach and mini bus services will operate their normal routes calling at both sites:

- 903, 905, E579 Turbostyle, E636 Vision Travel, Lingfield Minibus.

Southdown services

Southdown service 236 – will operate at 13.42pm for students going back to Lingfield and Dormansland calling the stop opposite Lower School.

And finally...

I would like to wish everyone well for the future. We have worked hard to ensure the incoming Headteacher, Mr Walker, is as well prepared as possible for when he starts in September. He is an experienced Headteacher and brings a great deal to the role, I am confident he is the right person to lead this special school and believe his values very much match our own. I have said farewell to the students, in assemblies, and talked to them about embracing life, its challenges and the choices they get to make. I have told them all they have exciting lives ahead of them. I will miss them all, their character, ideas, energy and the great humour they always show.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown
Headteacher