



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have one more week until the end of term. School finishes on Friday 8th April at 12.20pm. I hope families manage to have a relaxing Easter break, students and staff have worked very hard this term. We have introduced additional mock exams for Year 11 and Year 13 which has created particular pressure points. I think everyone needs of a rest at this stage. Early indicators suggest that our exam groups are performing very well, we anticipate some strong results in the summer.

Announcement of New Headteacher

I am pleased to announce that the Governors have appointed a new headteacher to start in September 2022. I have attached a letter from the Chair of Governors, Mr Yule, outlining the recruitment process and introducing the new headteacher. Imberhorne is a wonderful school with a strong sense of community, I send my best wishes as they embark on their journey at Imberhorne School. <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/announcements>

Year 11 Graduation

Year 11 students will be invited to participate in our Graduation event on **Wednesday 4th May**, this will be held in the school Sports Hall this year, unfortunately our usual venue is unavailable. Graduation is a culmination of students' time at the school and recognises their personal development and contribution to our community. Letters will be sent to families on **Friday 29th April** once final decisions about our graduates are agreed. The Graduation event will have two parts, to help us manage numbers. The first part running from 6.30 – 7.30pm, part two will run from 7.45 – 8.45pm. We hope to see a great number of parents and students there.

Covid Update

We have received a recent update with regards to Covid vaccinations which we have been asked to share with families. Please follow the links below to find out about how to access further vaccinations and information about the vaccination programme.

<http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/sites/default/files/Vaccine%20Flyer.pdf>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

I am pleased to report that rates of Covid infection appear to be stable, whilst not decreasing significantly they are also not increasing. We continue to monitor what is happening.

Updated guidance from the Department of Health and Social Care as of Friday 1st April is as follows:

- **children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend**



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- **adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days**

The advice continues as follows, **'the population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.'**

We retain a number of LFD tests at school. If your son or daughter is unwell we can provide an LFD test for their use, if the test result is positive we expect students to follow the above advice and isolate for three days during the most infectious period.

Assessment

Assessing students work and helping them make progress through appropriate and targeted feedback is an important part of what teachers do. To help you understand the approach to assessment and the language we use with students in different key stages, we have provided a brief guide about assessment at Imberhorne. Please follow this link

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

Bus Information - End of Term Friday 8th April

Finally, I have included below guidance regarding the buses on the last day of term when we close at 12.20pm

- The 903, 905, E579, 281, 638, 643 and 648 all run as usual and will collect students from school at 12.20pm.
- The 409 (to Lingfield, Blindley Heath and Godstone) will collect from the Baldwins Hill stop at 12.42.
- The 291 (Ashurst Wood and Forest Row) will collect from Felbridge at 12.31
- The 291 (Crawley Down and Copthorne) will collect from Felbridge at 12.51
- The 400 (Copthorne) will collect from Felbridge at 13.19.
- The 84 (West Hoathly and Sharpthorne) will collect from Brooklands Way at 12.39
- The 624 will not be running.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher