



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term and School Transport

We are busy planning for the last week of term and of course our return in January. Term ends on **Friday 17th December at 12.20pm**. We wish you and your families a restful and joyful Christmas break. I appreciate I am saying this against a backdrop of warnings and further restrictions from the government. We have been here before and know that at times like this we just need to keep on going. Things will get better. Being in school is a great antidote to the bleakness of the news. Students just get on with life. They are relentlessly amusing and remain unfazed by changes around them. Quite simply they are a joy to be around.

Buses on the last day will run as normal (but earlier) apart from the following:

624 - students at lower school who normally use this service should board the 291 near the roundabout on the London Road (no transport for the Horley/Smallfields students)

281 – an additional bus will call at lower school at 12.20 and then travel to upper school

84 – this service will not run to Sharpthorne

400 – this service will run at 1.19pm

Return to School - On-Site Lateral Flow Testing

As you are aware we have been asked to conduct on-site lateral flow tests for all students before they return to lessons after the Christmas break. To manage this, we will have a phased return for students, I am therefore providing further detail about this below.

Booking a Test:

Testing for all Upper School students in **Years 10, 11, 12 and 13** will be held on **Tuesday 4th January in the Sports Hall at Imberhorne Lane**. Students in these year groups only will return to normal lessons on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Tests for Lower School students in **Years 7, 8 and 9** will be on **Wednesday 5th January in the Sports Hall at Windmill Lane**, students should enter the building via the car park to the right of the main building. Students in these year groups will return to normal lessons on **Thursday 6th January**.

Test slots can be booked using our Parents Evening Booking System. You will be given a range of 30-minute slots to choose from. Your child can arrive at any time during that 30-minute window. We hope this gives you maximum flexibility, whilst minimising queue times.

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To book a slot for your son/daughter please click here <https://imberhome.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to login to the booking system use your son's/daughter's 'legal' first name and surname that matches our records, together with their date of birth. Alternatively, you can visit the Parents/Online Services area of our school website: <http://www.imberhome.co.uk/online-services-parents> where you can login and also find answers to some frequently asked questions about the booking system. If you have any queries about bookings please contact tmonaghan@imberhome.co.uk

If your child does not have a test for whatever reason, they should return to school on the correct day for their year group as mentioned above. The test is not compulsory.

Other Information:

Students do not need to wear their uniform for the test, but they will need a mask and their lanyard.

Bags and personal items should be kept to a minimum, so that they have their hands free.

If you are driving to school, please do not drive or park on the school site. There is a car park at the end of Imberhome Lane, or road parking on Windmill Lane/Dorset Avenue.

Whilst the actual test is fairly quick, there will be a registration process and possibly a short wait time. Therefore, we anticipate that your son/daughter will be on site for approximately 20 minutes, but this will depend on demand at that time.

Test results:

If your child records a positive lateral flow test, we will contact you by phone straight away. You will not hear from us if the result is negative, therefore assume it is negative and send your child to school the following day.

FAQs:

Can my child have a Lateral Flow Test if they have had Covid in the last 90 days? No

I am unable to bring my child into school for their test. If they cannot get in via public transport, on foot, by bike etc. then they will have to miss their test and return to school when their year group returns. We ask that they undertake a lateral flow test at home.

My children are in different year groups, can I bring them both in on the same day for testing?

Yes, but only on Tuesday 4th January. Just book both children in as normal.

If you are visiting the school to see a member of staff or have a meeting we ask that you take a lateral flow test prior to your visit. This follows the latest advice we have received from the DfE.

Assessment Information via Edulink

You may have noticed that we have activated the assessment facility in Edulink. This means that you are now able to see ongoing assessment information that we have for your son or daughter. We have however, in the process of doing this, discovered that whilst Key Stage 3 information is visible for all subjects, assessment information is only visible for some subjects in Key Stage 4. A quirk in the presentation means that all subjects are listed but do not all fit on the screen. We hope to rectify this shortly.

A reminder for parents with children in Key Stage 3 that you will see your child's flightpath, for each subject followed by letters. U = under flightpath, O = on flightpath and A= above flightpath.



Year 10 Oracy Workshops

This week we have held Oracy workshops for all Year 10 students. An organisation called Talk the Talk have run these workshops. I have visited several classrooms with workshops running in them and talked to the students and staff participating. I am delighted by their success, having heard a number of students prepare and deliver outstanding presentations to their peers. It is an invaluable skill. I was also extremely pleased to hear very positive feedback from the facilitators (who visit different schools every week) about our students. They loved our school and think the students are wonderful. I of course agree.

Imberhorne's Community Partnerships Team

Finally, I would like to praise our Community Partnerships Team who have run some fabulous activities. Students in Year 7 and Year 8 put together Christmas hampers for families who may benefit from additional support. A number of Year 10 students then spent an evening baking mince pies which were delivered to groups in our community. Not only are we facilitating and sharing the experience of giving (a very positive experience for our students) but we are reaching out to others at a time of year when such help and support are much appreciated. Acts like this help shape and define the school and what we believe in.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown
Headteacher