



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

You may be aware that a number of Afghan refugees have been placed in the area recently. West Sussex are liaising with schools in an attempt to ensure the children from these families are able to attend local schools. This covers Crawley and East Grinstead.

We are taking a small number of children, mainly in Key Stage 3. We hope to integrate them into the school in the coming weeks. I am sure you appreciate that some of these families will have experienced great difficulties and challenges since their flight from Afghanistan. We anticipate that they may have very few possessions and personal resources. We will do our best to give them a very warm welcome and as much help and support as we can. My experience of taking in students from overseas has taught me that they quickly adapt and prosper, particularly in a school like Imberhorne with such wonderful students and staff.

Headteacher Recruitment

Since I gave notice of my retirement, at the end of this academic year in August, the Governors have begun to look ahead to recruiting a new Headteacher. The Chair of Governors, Mr A Yule, has written a letter to all parents outlining this process and sharing their thinking about what they hope to achieve through the process.

DEAR

We continue to prioritise reading in the school. DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) runs in Key Stage 3. This means that for 20 minutes a day, all students (in Years 7, 8 and 9) will stop whatever they are doing and read a book of their choice. All students should have a book with them every day in school. We believe this has a significant impact on students and helps develop them as readers. By the time students reach Year 11 they need to have a reading age of 15/16 to properly access and understand the vocabulary used in exam papers. Nationally, the reading age of young people is, on average, 2 - 3 years below their chronological age. This means that some of our students may have a reading age that prevents them from making good progress in lessons. Reading regularly, every day in school can make a significant difference to vocabulary acquisition. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Supporting your Child with Anxiety

We have been asked to share information with parents about some free online training entitled 'Supporting your Child with Anxiety'

<http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/sites/default/files/H4090b%20Understanding%20Your%20Child%27s%20MH%20Parent%20Workshop%20%281%29.pdf>



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Self-Isolation Update

I am sure you are aware that the rules on isolating, for individuals who have tested positive for Covid have changed. Providing individuals receive two negative test results from LFD tests on two consecutive days (day 5 and day 6) students can return to school on day 6 (meaning that they will have completed five full days of isolation). This comes into effect from Monday 17th January.

Year 11 Mock Exam Data

We have been looking carefully at data from the recent Year 11 mock exams and are very pleased with what this seems to be telling us. As we anticipated, students have performed very well despite the interruptions they have experienced over the last two years. All credit to them for their focus and effort in the run up to the mock exams, they have clearly worked hard and prepared thoroughly. This morning we ran a mock exam 'results day' for them, providing students with a slip showing their current grades based on their mock exam performance. This simulates the experience they will have in the summer when they pick up their actual results in August. They have one full term left and need to apply themselves as best they can in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown
Headteacher