



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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learning community*

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Our second Year 7 consultation evening was originally scheduled to take place this week, providing an opportunity for you to meet with your son's/daughter's subject teachers. Clearly under the current lockdown that will not take place. We appreciate that having the opportunity to meet with your son's/daughter's teachers is of great value, the loss of this opportunity is therefore disappointing.

At the moment there is much uncertainty with regards to when school will resume and what that might look like. It seems unlikely therefore that there will be an occasion, before the summer, when you will be able to meet staff for such conversations. The recent Government announcement suggests it is also unlikely that your son/daughter will resume school before the summer, such guidance may of course change, but we will miss seeing them if this is the case. I have recorded an assembly for all students for this week and will be sharing it with them. In the assembly I reference the Government announcement but also want to reassure them not to worry unduly. Online learning is not the same but they are still learning and developing, they will all gain something of value from this experience.

We are in the process of constructing our calendar for next academic year and are planning for parents of current Year 7 students, an early parental briefing in October, a summary report in November and a consultation evening, with subject staff, in December. I appreciate this will be a new academic year with its own challenges but wanted to reassure you that providing appropriate contact for you, with school, is a priority for us. In the mean time I hope that you found the recently published reports valuable. They reflect the work and commitment shown by Year 7 students so far this year and will give you a good flavour for how they are progressing.

We believe they have had, collectively, a very successful first year at the school, setting well to the demands and challenges of secondary school. I was particularly impressed by the very high proportion of students with strong attitude to learning scores. This means that overwhelmingly their teachers have identified they are either 'outstanding' or 'motivated' in lessons, reinforcing our impression about the strong start they have made to life at Imberhorne.

Yours faithfully

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