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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Online learning resumed this week after the half term break, I hope your sons and daughters have been able to re-engage with their work having had this break. The weather was lovely over the half term period providing some welcome respite for those who wished to relax outdoors.

I have been pleased to see increasing numbers of invited students attending our 'pods' either at the Windmill Lane or Imberhorne Lane sites, these students are making the most of their time with us and responding positively to being in the school environment.

Over half term we were provided with greater clarity regarding the proposed return to school of students in Year 10 and Year 12. The date for this return has now been set as no earlier than 15th June. We have undertaken a great deal of planning with subject teams for how best to manage such a return; the safety of everyone, students, staff, parents and our local community is of course central to this. Government guidance encourages schools to ensure no more than 25% of a year group is in school on any one day, this in-school provision is supposed to supplement their online learning programme. I am sure you can see that students will therefore only be able to receive some in-school tuition once a week.

We are, in the first instance, intending to start an alternative timetable for all Year 10 students from Monday 15th June. The number of lessons they have and the times these lessons will appear on their timetable will subsequently change to accommodate planned lessons in school. A more detailed letter will be shared with all Year 10 parents/carers and students.

Year 12 students will be invited into school from Monday 22nd June and are again to have limited tuition. At the moment we are planning a double lesson once a fortnight, such a model enables us to effectively halve our teaching groups, meeting the requirements of no more than 25% of a cohort in on any one day.

To ensure this is all managed safely we are significantly reducing student movement, students will be based in one classroom for their time in school, we will not be providing social time so once taught sessions are completed the students will leave the school site. All venues will have hand sanitiser in and all surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned before and after lessons.

In preparing for such a return all schools must undertake a detailed risk assessment. We have been provided with a model document from West Sussex which we have adapted to meet the needs of our setting. This has been scrutinised by senior staff and governors. In the end everyone has to be confident that we have taken appropriate precautions to minimise any possible risk.

For students in Year 7, 8 and 9 online learning continues for the foreseeable future, we are looking carefully at changes we can bring in for Year 9 students as they prepare for their Key Stage 4 curriculum.



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We appreciate that this continues to be an emotionally turbulent time for many students. When they lose their normal routines and connections it may affect them in different ways. We are here to help and support, if you have concerns about your son or daughter at any time please let us know. There are many people in the school they can talk to. It is quite normal to experience both highs and lows, such feelings can of course be magnified in this current situation.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown

Headteacher