

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our briefing evening for parents last week. We hope that you found it useful and informative. If you were unable to attend, you can view the slides here:

<http://www.imberhome.co.uk/content/transition-year-6-year-7>

[Main Hall Presentation – Year 7 Induction Presentation](#)

In my e-mail this week I'd like to respond to a few queries that were raised:

Languages

The allocation of language studied is as follows:

Tutor groups: Q R S X & Y Spanish

Tutor groups: T U V & W French

Lockers

We will allocate lockers for students early in September, further details about this will be available nearer the time, including how to pay.

Medical

If your son/daughter requires medication held in school or has a medical condition that requires additional support in school, please refer to this link on our school website:

<http://www.imberhome.co.uk/content/medical-support> or contact Mrs Sandra Cook Student Welfare at scook@imberhome.co.uk.

Transport

West Sussex County Council fund school transport for students in Years 7-11, who live over 3 miles from the school site to which they attend, and whose home address is within the catchment area.

Transport allocation takes place over the next few weeks and all Parents/Carers would normally hear the allocation being provided by 15th August 2025.

If you have not been contacted about this matter by then please contact the relevant authority who can assist with your enquiry.

Useful contact information

· If you pay council tax to Mid Sussex District Council please contact West Sussex County Council Transport by visiting their website: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-and-college-transport> by telephone on 01243 753530

· If you pay your council tax to Tandridge District Council please contact Surrey County Council Transporter by visiting their website: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/transport> or by telephone on 0300 200 1004

If your son/daughter will travel to school using the busses, please following the link below for further information: <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/travel-and-transport>

Cashless Catering / ParentPay

Our canteen operates a cashless system – students have a cashless catering account that parents add funds to online via a system called ParentPay. Any purchases made in the canteen are then taken from the funds that have been loaded onto the account. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive an allowance added to their account each day.

Students are issued an ID Card on the first day of term in September - this card gives them access to their cashless catering account and should be presented when they reach the canteen till.

All food is available on a turn-up and buy basis, however we also offer the option of pre-ordering lunchtime hot meals via the Fusion Online app to offer the certainty that your preferred meal is available.

We will e-mail ParentPay and Fusion Online login details to you during the last week of the Summer holidays so that you can add credit to your child's cashless catering account. If you haven't received log-in details by Monday 1st September please contact our IT Support Team at itsupport@imberhorne.co.uk or on 01342 310989.

We also use ParentPay to collect payments for other things we may seek parental contributions towards, such as school trips.

WhatsApp

We are aware when some students join in Year 7, they sometimes use WhatsApp to set up group chats for their form/friendship groups. This is actively discouraged at Imberhorne and if your child is thinking about starting or joining one of these groups, we would advise you to ensure they leave the group, and if your child is admin of one of these groups, we ask that the group is closed. This is in order to fulfil our duty to keep our students safe. Social Media does not provide the best training for young people to navigate social situations, and messages can be hurtful and unkind.

Please be advised that the minimum age of use for WhatsApp is 16. Students should also be aware that in group chats, people who are not in their contacts will be able to see all the messages and send them messages.

I have also taken the opportunity to send the activity booklet mentioned in last week's letter and handed to students on the induction day.

I will write again next week with a few final details about the start of term.

Kind Regards.

Mrs E. Best

Senior Assistant Headteacher