



# Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all ok well and that all your family and friends are safe too. This is just a short letter today to update you on admissions and returns from Summer for September 2020.

Following discussions with the Local Authority and the other two hubs, we have agreed that September will be a **phased return** for all pupils for the first 3 weeks. **All** pupils without exception will return on a part time basis for those 3 weeks.

There are two main reasons for this:

1. Many pupils will not have been in school since late March and will need to re-adjust to the experience and demands of school and college.
2. We have not been able to organise and run the transition sessions for pupils moving to new classes, new pupils to the school/colleges or Y10 and Y11 pupils moving to DVLC, so we need to do this in early September.

We will be releasing further information on your child's attendance pattern for early September later this term.

It is important to note that although the Government have said that schools will be largely open from September, it will still be entirely dependent on the reduction of Covid-19 infections. If there is a rise in the Brighton and Hove area over the summer, this may affect opening in September. If there is any change to our published plan it will be sent to you via Ping and will appear on our website so please check regularly from late August.

As the building work is progressing well, we hope to share a short video via Ping next week so Hollingdean and Woodingdean families and pupils can have a sense of what the new extension looks like. It is very exciting to see how lovely the new part is, even though it is a fair way off being finished.

Have a good weekend. Stay safe and well.

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