



Downs View

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Full Time Opening and Covid-19 Reminders

I hope you all have had a good week, it definitely feels like autumn has now arrived.

This letter is just to remind you that full time school for all pupils will start on **Monday 28th September**. Thank you for supporting the phased start to the term as it has supported pupils back into school successfully.

Since September we have worked closely with our transport providers to ensure that the arrival and departure times are well managed and safe. Please can I ask parents/carers that drive their child to and from school not to arrive too early as the school/college carparks get very busy and due to the pandemic we need to avoid crowding. This is especially the case at our Woodingdean site as we still have parts of the carpark unavailable due to the building works. If you walk your child to school can you ensure that social distancing is observed whilst waiting for your child to be collected by a staff member.

The school/college Covid-19 risk assessment and procedures continue to be followed in line with the latest Government guidance. It is important that your child stays at home if they develop any of the symptoms listed below. If there is a suspected case at school for a pupil or a member of staff we will only send home that person and not anyone else until we get a positive test result. We will always let parents/carers know if there is a possible case in their child's bubble.

If your child is sent home because they are symptomatic then please can you register them for a test. I appreciate that at the moment it can be difficult to get tests but this will allow us to take the necessary action swiftly if there was to be a positive case. They will need to self-isolate whilst you wait for the test results. Please can you notify the school of any test results as soon as you receive them.

Staff will now be wearing face masks when moving around the school and in communal areas. They are not wearing them within their bubbles as we don't want to limit their ability to communicate with pupils. There may be some exceptions to this based on staff's individual vulnerabilities.

I do understand that this is a difficult, worrying and frustrating time but we would urge everyone to ensure that they follow the guidance in order to help protect our community.



A reminder of the Current Coronavirus Guidance

If you, your child or anyone in your household has or has had any of the following symptoms then you must adhere to the government guidance. If your child has had symptoms they must **isolate for 10 days** from when they first showed symptoms. If anyone else in your household has had symptoms **your child must isolate for 14 days**. It is vital that you stick to this guidance in order not to put other children/young people or staff at risk.

Symptoms:

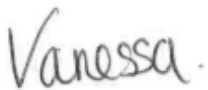
- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. If your child develops any of these symptoms please contact NHS 111 for advice and inform school/college immediately.

Please get in contact with myself or your child's head of site if you have any concerns. We will endeavour to update you whenever there is new guidance from the Government as to how this impacts on school.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best Wishes,



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