



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing weekend. As the new lockdown started last week I just wanted to give you an update on what we are doing at school and college to ensure that we adhere to the new guidance. I also wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the progress of the building works at Woodingdean.

Lockdown Measures

Following the guidance issued by the Government and the Local Authority we are still allowing the therapists and other professionals to come on site and work with pupils for the time being. They will be using PPE to minimise the risk. Also, we are still going to continue with local area visits to natural spaces such as the woods, parks, beaches and any educational centres that remain open.

At school and college we are continuing to follow the risk assessment that was put in place at the start of last term and are continuing to update it as and when there are changes. I can assure you that we are putting everything in place to try to reduce the risk of Covid as far as we possibly can. We are continuing to reinforce good handwashing routines, physical distancing and all staff are wearing masks when they are not in the classrooms.

Please can I remind all parents/carers to also maintain physical distancing when in the school carpark.

I will continue to keep you all updated when more guidance is published. We understand this continues to be a difficult and worrying time for everyone but would urge you all to follow the guidance in order to help us protect our school community.

Building Works Update

Unfortunately there have been further delays to the site merger. A lot of work was done during half term but there are still some ongoing issues that will need to be rectified before we can allow the sites to merge. We are now hoping that the building works will be finished by the end of November.

Finally, I would just like to remind the Woodingdean parents/carers that the site will only be closed on Thursday from 12.45pm. Thank you again for supporting this.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

Best wishes,

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