



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good half-term despite the ongoing rain, the general restrictions and the uncertainties around Covid.

Lockdown – Thursday 5th November

In light of the government announcement last night about the lockdown from Thursday 5th November I thought it was important to write and update you on the situation at Downs View. The current guidance is that schools will remain open as normal. As we were doing before half-term we will be reviewing staffing on a daily basis and there may be times that we will be unable to have all pupils on site due to limited staff. I will try to give you as much notice as possible if there are times when we need class groups to stay at home for a limited time.

Reporting Pupils' Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school then please can you let us know as early as possible by leaving a message on the school answerphone. This will allow us to ensure that we have enough staff at each site. Please can you also let us know the reason why your child is absent.

Covid symptoms

If your child has any of the key Covid symptoms it is really important that they are kept at home until they have had a test. The key symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A continuous cough
- A loss of taste/smell

If your child is unwell and needs to have Calpol/paracetamol then they need to remain at home as this could mask the symptoms of Covid. If you have any questions, then please phone school to discuss this with us.

I understand how difficult the current situation is for our families. I will keep you updated as we receive more guidance. Please contact me via email if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Vanessa

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