



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

General Information Letter

I hope you all had an enjoyable weekend. The festivities have really started in school and college and we are all looking forward to the Christmas dinner on Wednesday 9th December (Downs View Life Skills College will be on the 16th December).

I would firstly like to thank you for your help and support with our staffing shortages over the past few weeks. Unfortunately this is likely to continue into the New Year as the infection rates are likely to increase after the relaxation of the current restrictions. Therefore we cannot afford to be complacent and I would urge you all to maintain physical distancing and good hand and respiratory hygiene as they are all vital elements of keeping all of our pupils safe. I understand that the current arrangements may feel quite restrictive but we must continue with these measures as much as possible even during the Christmas period. The Covid-19 Tier 2 poster provided by the Government is included in this letter for your reference.

I am very pleased to say that the building works at Woodingdean are almost complete and the Hollingdean move is underway. The pupils' last day at the Hollingdean site will be Thursday 17th December. We are looking forward to finally having the Hollingdean staff and pupils at the Woodingdean site.

Also, both our Hollingdean and Downs View Life Skills College sites will be closed on Friday 18th December. All of the parents and carers from these sites should have already received a letter regarding these closures. Downs View Woodingdean and Downs View Link College will remain open on this day. All pupils will return to school on Monday 4th January 2021.

Finally, thank you to those that have volunteered for the Downs View Parent Council, the first meeting will be held virtually at 13.30 on the 16th December. We still have spaces so if you would like to join please contact Samantha Hendy on samanthahendy@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk and she will forward you the meeting details.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Best wishes,

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