



# Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and staying safe.

Thank you for contacting us with your requests for on-site places, they have been reviewed and parents have been advised if they have a place for next week (week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January). If you have not already been informed then unfortunately we have been unable to offer your child a place at this time.

If you have been offered a place then this offer will continue for the duration of the lockdown period. It may be the case that we need to amend the days offered but we will contact you in advance if this is the case.

We are very sorry if we have been unable to offer you a place or the days that you require but please be assured that we will be keeping this under constant review. If your situation changes or you are feeling particularly pressured please do notify us and we will review your request. We are very keen for school/college to get back to normal but at the moment we need to keep the number of pupils as low as possible whilst the infection rate in our area is still extremely high. The latest statistics issued by the Government are very worrying and we have to ensure that our pupils and staff remain safe. We will increase the number of on-site pupils when it is safe to do so.

Our home learning provision is working well. We have plenty of information available on our website and teachers will have contacted you with the details of how they are supporting your child with learning. As every child is individual this will be different for each class. Please do contact your teacher if you have any issues or would just like to give us some feedback, we would love to hear from you. It would be great if you could send in some pictures of your children doing their activities, we really miss having them in school/college and it would be lovely to see how they are getting on.

We are currently looking for some volunteers to run our lateral flow testing centres at school and college. At the moment the requirement is one day per week but this may increase to two days going forward. Full training and PPE will be provided and it does not involve direct contact with the staff who are being tested. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer please contact [PA@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:PA@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk)



Please remember that it is still the case that if you feel unwell or have any symptoms of Covid-19 then you must stay at home and get a test. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Additionally, during this period of lockdown, it is important that all members of our community are keeping themselves and each other safe by following the government guidelines. Further information can be found on the following links:

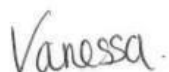
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

To any parents/carers that are currently poorly I do hope that you get well soon.

Thank you for all your continued support and patience.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa".

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