



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and staying safe.

We have reviewed the requests that have been sent in regarding on-site places and parents have been sent a letter if they have been offered a place from next week (week commencing 11th January). If you have not already been informed then unfortunately we have been unable to offer your child a place at this time.

We are very sorry if we have been unable to offer you a place or the days that you require but as advised previously, we need to keep the number of pupils as low as possible whilst the infection rate is increasing and we have to ensure that there is enough staff to be able to operate safely. Please be assured that we will be keeping this under constant review and will increase the number of on-site pupils when it is safe to do so.

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. A reminder of the government guidance regarding this is at the end of this letter. 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 link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>.

Also, we have been working very hard to set up our home learning provision and teachers will already have been in contact with you to let you know the details about learning and discuss how they are best able to support your child. As every child is individual this will be different for each class. We want to support you in the best way possible so please stay in touch and let us know if there is anything further that we can do.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Best wishes,

Vanessa

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Reminder of the Covid-19 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 and stay at home. If your child has had symptoms they must **isolate for 7 days** from when they first showed symptoms. If anyone else in your household has had symptoms **your child must isolate for 10 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.