



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well. Firstly I would like to apologise for the delay in getting information out to you about next week. My priority is ensuring that all of the Downs View sites are safe. Staff are doing all that they can to minimise the risk of Covid-19 on the sites.

As advised yesterday, the Link College and the Life Skills College sites were closed today following a concern about a possible Covid-19 case within our cleaning contractors. I am still awaiting confirmation of the test result and until that time I have a very high number of staff self-isolating. I am also working with the local authority and Public Health to ensure that we get clear advice on the risks. Our first priority is to ensure that we keep our students and staff safe on-site given the current high risk from Covid-19.

At this current time I do not have sufficient information to ensure that I have enough staff to safely re-open. Therefore both sites will remain closed on Monday 11th January.

I will update you all as soon as I am able as to whether we can open on Tuesday 12th January. I understand that this is frustrating and makes it difficult for you to plan for next week but I have to ensure that it is safe before re-opening the sites.

Also, I would like to apologise for any confusion caused by the letter sent earlier today, this was a general letter sent to all Downs View parents. There is a lot of communication being sent out at the moment but as you will appreciate this is a constantly changing situation on which I have to keep you updated.

Best wishes,

Vanessa

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