



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well. Following the news last night that we have entered a lockdown I wanted to update you on the plan for your child going forward. As part of the lockdown it was announced that schools will close but this is not the case for Downs View. We are still open and will be supporting your child. Over the next few weeks we will be limiting the number of pupils on-site to ensure the safety of those pupils and our staff. All other students will access learning from home.

On-site places have been offered to pupils of key workers and those with additional vulnerabilities. Parents have been sent a letter if they have an on-site place from tomorrow (Wednesday 6th January).

If you have not already been informed then unfortunately we have been unable to offer your child a place at this time as we are only opening for keyworkers and very exceptional cases.

We are reviewing the list and the requests that have been sent in and hope to be able to extend our on-site offer from Monday 11th January. This may be on a part time basis to ensure we meet the needs of all pupils needing support.

We appreciate that this is not the news that you wanted to hear and we are very sorry that we are unable to offer a place to you but we need to keep the number of pupils as low as possible. There is a high and rising number of infections in our area and we must ensure that we keep all staff and pupils safe and as we are now in a national lockdown staying at home will keep everyone safer. We also currently have a lot of staff who are ill or self-isolating and we had to bear this in mind when allocating pupil places. We have to ensure that there is enough staff to be able to operate safely.

Please be assured that we will keep this under constant review. If you have any queries regarding this please email your Head of Site in the first instance.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this unprecedented time. We understand that this continues to be a difficult and worrying time for everyone but would urge you all to follow the guidance in order to help us protect our school community.

Best wishes,

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