



# Downs View

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Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been lovely to have the sun out over the last few days and I hope that this continues over the holiday. It seems a very long time since Christmas when the lock down started and I know it has been really challenging for families. Thank you for your ongoing support and resilience.

It has been lovely to see the pupils settling back into school over the last few weeks. The school site celebrated the Holi festival on Monday and it was great to see the pupils outside having fun. We are really hopeful that after the holidays we will be able to open things up more at school and college and hopefully we will also be able to start trips again as well. When we are able we would also like to invite parents/carers onto the school site to see the new building. I will update you on all of this when we return after the break.

## School Times

The new school times will start on the first day back after the Easter holiday (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April). If your child comes on school transport they will let you know any changes to times. It will be good to have all of our pupils on the same school times as this will give them more chances to get to know each other. We know that it will be busier in the morning with all the taxis arriving together but with the extra space in the car park we will be able to manage this and we will make sure that pupils are not having to wait in taxis.

## Easter Holiday – Track and Trace

As there is still a covid risk then please let us know over the holidays if there is a positive case in your family that affects school or college. It is important that we know so that we can inform other families and staff to enable them to take the necessary precautions.

Please contact the school if your child becomes symptomatic **within 48 hours** of their last day in school/college or if they get a positive test result within **six days of the final day of teaching**. However, you do not need to contact the school/college if your child becomes symptomatic **more than 48 hours** after their last day on site regardless of the test result.

It is vital that, where symptoms have come about within 48 hours of last being on site, a test is taken as soon as possible and the school is informed of any positive cases. If we become aware of any positive cases we will need to contact our families and staff members to inform them that they may have to self-isolate for a period of time over Easter.

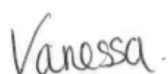


If you need to inform the school of a positive test result whilst we are closed then please email me on [vanessahickey@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:vanessahickey@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk). I will then contact you to get further information so that I can inform parents and staff. Please do not telephone the school or college as the offices will be closed and the phone lines are not being monitored over the holiday.

Further details about NHS Test and Trace is available on the following link  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and have lots of opportunities for chocolate egg eating!

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa".

Vanessa Hickey  
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