



Downs View

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Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and able to benefit from some of the lifting of restrictions. It has been a busy few weeks at school and college and it has been great to see things returning to some form of normality. It has also been wonderful for all of our pupils to get out and about on minibus trips to enjoy our local outside spaces again. Following the announcement from the Government earlier in the week we can start to look forward to the future with a bit more optimism.

Face Masks

The government announcement around face masks in school has not changed our use in school and college. Staff will be continuing to wear facemasks in all communal areas for the time being. The infection rate locally is still low but it is important that we continue to take care and remain cautious. Most of our staff have now had their second vaccine and we are continuing with the lateral flow tests which is a positive supportive measure.

Progress Meetings

The Link College and the Life Skills College held their progress meetings on the 5th May. The feedback was very positive and it was really good to finally see the majority of our parents/carers on-site again.

Just a reminder that the school progress meetings will be taking place on Wednesday 26th May. It will also be an opportunity for you to see the school but they can be done via phone if you would prefer.

Friends of Downs View Donation

On a very exciting note The Friends of Downs View have decided to donate a sum of money to each child at school and the Link College for teachers to spend on fun activities and resources for their class. After the challenges and disruption of Covid they wanted to do something that would make a difference now and help end the school year on a more positive note. This is such great news and I would like to thank the Friends for this very kind donation it is very much appreciated by both the staff and the pupils. We look forward to sharing the photos of how it was used.

The Friends will also be sending out a communication about this, some other projects that they are supporting and a potential outdoor fundraising event in July. Please look out for this on Ping and the website.

Downs View Parent/Carer Council Meeting

The next Downs View Parent/Carer Council Meeting will be taking place next week on Wednesday 19th May at 1pm. If you would like to be involved please email pa@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk. The focus of the meeting will be on how we can further support students and families with transitions. Everyone is welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,

Vanessa

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