



Downs View

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very different year to how I expected it to be but we have still achieved a lot. It has been great to see the merged site develop and see how well all of the pupils have adapted to the new building. Everyone is really looking forward to having more opportunities to mix from September and to get to know each other properly. I want to thank all of the staff for their resilience over the year as they have adapted to new ways of working.

Thank you as well to all parents and carers for supporting the school/college as we navigated our way through the pandemic. I am hopeful that things will settle in September and we can have families back on site for social activities.

Staffing Update

We have the following staff leaving across our sites:

Yvonne Howard, Wendy Proctor, Lisa Dalton and Susi Gaudiere are retiring after many years of service. They have had a huge impact on so many children and we wish them well. I am sure they will come back to visit.

At the school site Tim Schvetz, Iona Jordan, Amelia Edwards, Morgan Taylor, Jess Middleton, Ruben Holliss, Amaia Otxandorena and Julia Holford are moving onto new roles. Jade Taylor is leaving at DVLS and Katie Ward is leaving at DVLC.

I would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment to Downs View and wish them all the best for the future.

Friend of Downs View

The Friends of Downs View very generously donated some money for each pupil to spend in class. This has been brilliant and every class has done something different with it. Thank you to the Friends for all of the fundraising they do. The treats at the end of term were enjoyed immensely! We have attached some photos and an update from the Friends to this Ping.

I hope you have a great summer and are able to enjoy the good weather.

We look forward to seeing you all when school/college restarts on **Tuesday 7th September**.

Yours Sincerely,

Vanessa

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