



# Downs View

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely seeing all the pupils back in school/college and settling in well to their new classes. With restrictions lifting around bubbles pupils are now able to mix more which has been really positive. Over the next few weeks we will be re-starting assemblies and more group activities are being planned. We will also be looking at opportunities for parents/carers to come on to site.

## **Coffee Morning – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

This is just a reminder that we are holding a coffee morning at the school site on Monday at 10am. This event is open to all parents/carers and will be an opportunity for you to meet with Vanessa, Jackie and Bea as well as Lisa Burgess from the Friends of Downs View. If you are able to come then let us know on [PA@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:PA@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk) so we have an idea of numbers. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **School/College Pupil Progress Meeting**

We will be holding our pupil progress meetings this term, the dates are as follows:

***Downs View School – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October***

***Downs View Link College – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September***

***Downs View Life Skills College – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October***

These meetings will be taking place in school/college, but we can also offer Zoom meetings if you would prefer.

## **Covid Vaccinations for 12 to 15 Year Olds**

We have been advised by the NHS that they will be attending school to administer the Covid vaccinations to eligible pupils during the week beginning **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. They will be sending through an E-Consent form for consenting for the Covid-19 vaccination as per other vaccination programmes. Once the details have been received by school we will forward them out via Ping.

## **Covid Symptoms**

If your child has any of the key symptoms of Covid it is really important that they remain at home until they have had a PCR test. If they are unable to access the test then they will need to isolate for 10 days. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If you have problems or cannot use the online service, call 119. Lines are open 7am to 11pm.



The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

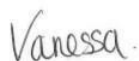
### **Morrison Vouchers & Bike Helmets**

Morrisons have been really supportive to the school providing us with free breakfast foods for pupils so we would like to say a big thank you to them. They also currently have a voucher scheme running, if you pick up any vouchers with your shopping then please send them into school as we are collecting them.

We are currently running low on bike helmets at school and we are unable to allow pupils to use the bikes and scooters without them. If you have any helmets that you no longer need and they are still in usable condition, we would gratefully receive them.

If you have any questions or queries then please get in touch with either your class teacher, Deputy Head or myself. Enjoy the weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



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