



# Downs View

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all been keeping well and enjoyed the summer break. It has been lovely to see all of the students back at school and college this week. They all seem to be settling well into their classes and day to day routines. Class teachers will be sending you timetables and a learning overview so that you are able to see what they will learning about this term.

## **Her Majesty The Queen**

Many of us will be deeply saddened by the announcement yesterday of the death of Her Majesty The Queen. She had led the country for 70 years and had been a constant and reassuring presence in our lives.

We will be looking at ways in which we can commemorate The Queen in school/college over the coming days. Her death may also trigger memories for your child so please let us know if they need any additional support. If children and young people are upset, online resources can also be accessed at Minded ([www.minded.org.uk](http://www.minded.org.uk)) and Winston's Wish ([winstonswish.org](http://winstonswish.org)). They provide sources of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss.

## **Covid Update**

Unfortunately we are already seeing a growing number of Covid cases in both Staff and children on the school site. The common symptom we are seeing is still a sore throat. Please can you be vigilant if your child is unwell. At the moment we are not putting any additional measures in place but this will be kept under review and I will update you if anything changes.

We are still following the Covid guidance from last term. We ask staff to isolate for 5 days following a positive test and after isolation they can return to work if they feel well enough. Pupils will still need to isolate for 3 days following a positive test.

## **New Assistant Head**

At the end of last term we appointed Rachel McDonald-Taylor to an Assistant Head role on the school site. As many of you will know, Rachel worked for us previously as Deputy Head so it is fantastic that she will be coming back to us. Rachel will be working 3 days a week and will start in October.



## **Contacts**

If you have any questions then please email your class teacher or relevant deputy in the first instance. A reminder of the Deputies email addresses are below:

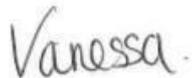
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I hope you have a good weekend.

Best Wishes



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