



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely half term and didn't get too wet!

Playground Opening

It was lovely to see so many of you at the playground opening. Most pupils were really excited to meet our special guests.



A big thank you to the Friends of Downs View who supported us with a large contribution towards it.

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Raffle

The Macmillan events that took place across all sites on the last day of term were also very successful. We will be sharing the grand total and the raffle winners in a separate letter.

Site Update

Our site team have been busy over the holidays. We have become aware of flaking paintwork on our playground fencing so have covered this over as we are aware this may be tempting to many of our pupils.

Respect Aspiration Resilience

An **aspirational** learning environment with dignity and **respect** at its core, where everyone reaches their potential through effective communication, building **resilience** and having fun.

School Photographer

There has been a change to the dates for the photographer at the school site. The photographer will now be here on Wednesday 1st November and Monday 6th November and will be taking individual photographs. Your class teacher will be in touch with you to confirm the date for your child's photograph. The photographer will also be attending DVLC on Friday 3rd November.

Storm Ciaran

As you may have seen, storm Ciaran is set to bring heavy rain and strong winds to our area later in the week with the wind looking particularly high on Thursday. To ensure the safety of our students and staff we are cancelling any trips on that day. Please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school/college. We will let you know if we need to put any further measures in place.

Absence

Just to remind you, the procedures for reporting your child absent are as follows:

If your child is poorly or they have a medical appointment please could you contact the school/college as soon as possible and by 8am on the day of absence. It is important that you do this so that we can arrange safe staffing levels for every class. The details for reporting absences are as follows:

Downs View School: 01273 601680 or please email office@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Downs View Link College: 01273 507719

Downs View Life Skills College: 01273 551028

Please remember that in cases of diarrhoea and sickness your child should remain off school/college for 48 hours from their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

If you wish to take your child out of school/college during term time then a Leave of Absence form needs to be completed. Leave of absence should only be requested in exceptional or unavoidable circumstances. The forms are available from the school/college office or your class teacher. It is important that the form is completed to avoid any unauthorised absences.

If your child is going to be absent from school/college then you must also contact the Home to School Transport team on 01273 293501 to let them know that their service is not required. It is not the school/college's responsibility to do this.

Have a good week.

Best Wishes,

Vanessa.

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