



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely summer. I would like to say a special welcome to all pupils that are starting for the first time at Downs View. Welcome as well to the children from Cubs class as they are now back on the school site.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that Downs View Woodingdean students are no longer able to have their phone in school. This is in line with Government guidance.

As previously advised, the only exception to this will be those students that travel to school independently. Those children will need to hand their phones in to their teacher once they have arrived in school.

Nut Allergy

We have several students at school and the Link College that have very serious nut allergies that could develop into a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. For this reason, all nut-based products will no longer be allowed in school and college. We appreciate your support with this.

Attendance

In line with new guidance from the Government, requests for leave of absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional or unavoidable circumstances. If you wish to take your child out of school/college during term time then a Leave of Absence form must be completed. 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 or charges.

Premises Update

There has been lots of work on all sites over the summer. New windows were installed at the school site over the summer and all the lead has now been repainted. I would like to thank the premises team who have worked hard to ensure this was all completed in time for the new academic year.

DVLC New Sensory Room

Over the summer a new sensory room was installed at the Link College. The Friends of Downs View kindly donated the money to pay for this and so I would like to say a huge thank you to them. It will be a great addition to the college and we are looking forward to seeing the students using it.

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.

New Uniform

If you would like to purchase new uniform from the school please remember that we only accept the correct amount in cash as payment. We can not provide change and card payments can not be accepted.

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 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.

Contacting School/College

If you have any questions or queries then please get in touch with your child's teacher in the first instance.

Below is a reminder of the contact details for the Deputy Heads at each site:

Deputy Head – DVW (Secondary) – Jackie Hutchings - jackiehutchings@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Assistant Head – DVW (Primary) – Sarah Doonan – sarahdoonan@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Deputy Head – DVLC - Juliet Hudson - juliethudson@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Deputy Head - DVLSC – Raul Ortiz – raulortiz@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing many of you on site during this term.

Best Wishes,



Vanessa Hickey
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