



## Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're well.

I wanted to share a few updates, as well as dates for your diaries:

- Swimming pool – unfortunately the pool is still closed due to a legionella outbreak. This is very frustrating for us as it can take a long time to clear. We have recently had some better results and are hoping that the pool will be able to reopen after Easter.
- Thank you to Friends of Downs View for running a play afternoon here at the school on Sunday. Lots of families attended and we had a lovely time in the sunshine! The money we raised from the cake sales will go towards a small trike.
- Spring Parade, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm. This is a school-based event. Everyone is invited, we look forward to seeing you there!
- SALT parents/carers coffee morning, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 11am. This is your chance to hear from the SALT about their new model of working (details below) and ask any questions.

*We aim to meet the needs of pupils by offering a service for students with speech, language and communication needs at three different levels – Universal, Targeted and Specialist. All students will access the Universal Service for their whole school life. Some students require periods of support at Targeted or Specialist levels to address specific clinical needs identified by the Speech and Language Therapist. This support will be tailored to meet the student's needs and reviewed periodically. This model allows the SALT team to work flexibly to create an environment within the school which supports the children's communication throughout their school life.*

- Nut free sites – please can I remind you that all sites are nut free as we have pupils with serious nut allergies.
- Norovirus - In recent weeks there's been an increase in stomach bugs like Norovirus. These can be reduced by taking some simple steps which will help you and

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your family stay healthy. Public health England has asked us to share the key information about it which is at the end of this letter.

Best Wishes



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**Stopping the spread of stomach bugs** - Stomach bugs spread easily in schools, nurseries and homes. If you or your child have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, washing your hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading.

If it can be avoided, don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms, or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable.

**Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school** - Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay at home for at least 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Information on how to look after yourself and others can be found on the [Norovirus \(vomiting bug\) - NHS website](#).