



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a restful summer break. We are delighted to welcome all our pupils back today as we begin another exciting year together.

I would like to begin by celebrating an extraordinary achievement by Downs View parent, Will Ellis, over the summer. Will successfully completed a 70km swim across Lake Geneva, spending an astonishing 27 hours and 35 minutes in the water. Through this incredible feat of endurance and determination, he has raised £32,235, plus an additional £7,130 in Gift Aid, for Downs View. This is a truly remarkable accomplishment, and we are immensely grateful for his support.



As we begin this new term, I would like to remind families about a few important matters.

Medication

If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please ensure that it is sent into school if this has not been done already. We would also be grateful if you could inform us of any changes to your child's medical needs, health conditions, medication, emergency contact details or home circumstances. Keeping our records up to date helps us to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible support for your child.

New Leadership Team Members

I am delighted to welcome three new members to our Senior Leadership Team:

Respect Aspiration Resilience

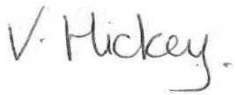
An **aspirational** learning environment with dignity and **respect** at its core, where everyone reaches their potential through effective communication, building **resilience** and having fun.

- Laura Stoker, Deputy Headteacher – laurastoker@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk
- Maddy Tabona, Assistant Headteacher – maddytabona@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk
- Gemma White, Assistant Headteacher – gemmawhite@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk

They bring a wealth of experience, expertise and enthusiasm, and I know they will be a fantastic addition to our school community. If you have any questions or concerns during the year, please do not hesitate to contact them. Alternatively, you can continue to contact your child's class team through the usual channels.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Hickey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'V' and a clear 'Hickey'.

Vanessa Hickey
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