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Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to inform you of some changes that we are making as a school in response to the rise in cases of the new COVID variant.

In order to minimise the potential for spread of the new variant, we have been advised by our Trust to temporarily cease contact with visitors at school. This will have an impact on a number of planned events as follows:

- Year 8/9 'in school' parent evening will not be able to take place in the building. We
 are therefore running a virtual year 9 evening on December 7th and will be in contact
 shortly to confirm details. (We are aware that some year 9 parents have not been
 able to have a tour of the school and will plan some student-led tours as soon as we
 can open our doors again).
- Year 8 parent evening will be moved to the early spring term, in the hope that we may be able to welcome you into the school building.
- The school Christmas Fayre will now only take place internally for our students, I regret therefore that parents will not be able to attend. We are suggesting that students bring £3:00 to enable them to buy gifts to bring home. Further details will follow in a letter soon.
- The Dean Beadle Autism workshop for parents will now take place virtually on the same date, Wednesday 8th December at approximately 10 am. A link will be sent out to you next week.
- The O.T parent workshop needs to be a face to face event and we may need to
 postpone this event until we are able to hold it in house. However, we are currently
 enquiring about the possibility of it being hosted virtually and we are waiting to hear
 from the OT with further instructions.
- The football tournament on 16th December is an outdoor event. We are therefore able to proceed as planned.

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Recent DfE guidance has stipulated that students will need to complete a COVID test onsite before their return to school in January. We are working closely with our colleagues at Cleeve Park School to finalise the testing arrangements in January. These plans will be finalised next week and parents will be informed by letter about any changes to the start of term.

I would like to take this opportunity to state how impressed I have been with the behaviour, attitudes and learning of our students this term. Visitors to the school are always overwhelmed by how polite, well mannered and well engaged our students are. They are a credit to the school and their families. We have had an excellent academic year so far and look forward to showing what we have been up to in our end of year newsletter.

Yours sincerely

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