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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to you following the announcement by the Government on Monday 1st February 2021 regarding the new South African variant of Covid-19. As mentioned by the Government, this variant has been found in several locations across the country, including the WS2 area.

Having been in close liaison with Walsall Public Health, I would like to share the information we have been given. Public Health have reassured us that this variant poses no greater danger than the original Covid-19 and therefore, all precautions we are currently taking should remain the same. They have stressed that schools should remain open for all those pupils deemed as vulnerable or children of key workers. Parents/Carers are advised to send their children into school as all the safety measures we have implemented ensure a safe learning environment.

The Government has also specified that people living in the **WS2 7** postcode area are advised to go and be tested. Households will be notified with these details. We are aware of two testing centres that are currently operating: -

Forest Arts Centre

Hawbush Road, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 1AG

Walsall College

Littleton Street, Walsall, WS2 8ES

For further advice please visit Walsall Council website at www.walsall.gov.uk

I am conscious that a large majority of our pupils reside in the WS2 7 area and must stress the importance of following all government guidelines with regards to the current lockdown. As we receive further updates we will communicate these with all our parents/carers as soon as possible. Remote learning for all year groups will continue as normal. Timetables for all year groups can be found on our website www.bloxwichacademy.co.uk.

As always, the health and safety of everyone attending Bloxwich Academy is paramount and we will continue to ensure we maintain all our procedures to ensure the safest working environment possible.

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