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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope this letter finds you all safe and well. Following on from Matt Hancock's announcement on Monday night about the identification of the South African Covid variant in WS2, I wanted to write to you to reassure you and to provide you with further clarification, especially as our school is situated in WS2 with the majority of our families living in the same postcode.

Yesterday, I attended a meeting with Public Health Walsall and the Local Authority. They reassured me that there was little to be concerned about, as the testing was more of a surveillance exercise to see if there were any more people who had had the South African Covid variant and that they were only focussed on testing a small area in Walsall with postcodes beginning with 'WS2 7--'.

This does not affect the large majority of our school community and for the tiny number of families it does relate to, we have already made contact with them with further advice.

Public Health and the LA have also informed us that this one person had contracted the South African variant a while ago, before Christmas, and that they had made a full recovery, resuming their normal day to day activities.

Hope this letter will bring some reassurance to anyone who is worrying about the news and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries or concerns. In the meantime, keep safe and well during these difficult times and we hope to see you all in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Patel
Headteacher



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