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Dear Parent,

I am sure that over the last few days you will have been following the news closely concerning the return to school after Christmas of both Primary and Secondary schools. Following further discussions with Public Health England and Coventry Local Education Authority over the weekend, we have decided to postpone the Entrance Examination. Although we have extremely high levels of risk mitigation in place, the congregation of several hundred Year 6 pupils from across the West Midlands at a time when the rate of infection is so high, means that this is currently the most sensible and prudent course of action.

I know this will be disappointing news for you, having no doubt prepared so diligently over the holidays. We are currently looking at potential rearrangement dates, however without knowing how long it will be before it is considered prudent to hold the Entrance Exam in the traditional way, we are looking to see what options are open to us. Possibilities might include school references, evaluation of work that has already taken place in Year 6, online testing or a combination of all of these options. Our Admissions department is working hard to put together a format which ensures fairness to all candidates. We will be in touch shortly to let you know the next steps.

In the meantime, I do hope you and your family remain well and above all safe in these troubled times. With the vaccine being rolled out, we are all aware that there is light at the end of the tunnel but the journey to the end point remains difficult at the moment.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Admissions department who will be in contact with you shortly about the new arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Mr Dearden  
Headmaster