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Dear Parents / Guardians,

In light of the latest government guidance for schools regarding face coverings, and the ongoing prevalence of COVID-19, we have made the tricky decision to move the dates of 'Encore' to **Wednesday 23rd - Saturday 26th March 2022**. This decision has been made in order to safeguard both the audience and the students involved in the show. The students have worked incredibly hard so far this year, but we would be devastated if, after all the hours of work, the show was to be cancelled due to a surge in COVID-19 cases or issues due to isolating staff and/or students. We would rather reschedule with reasonable notice than disappoint the students a week before the show.

We will continue rehearsals on a weekly basis ensuring we are doing so as safely as possible. Where tickets have already been paid for, we will keep a note of all monies paid and then issue new ticket envelopes and offset against the new dates. If you would rather have any ticket money refunded now and rebuy later, that is also fine.

A revised final schedule of dress and technical rehearsals will be sent home over the next few weeks.

We have not come to this decision lightly but are thankful that we have the opportunity to postpone rather than cancel the event. We know, in true JFC show style, that the students will rise to the new challenge and demonstrate their resilience once more.

As ever – the show must go on!

Kind Regards,

Lucy Mitcham and Alisha Adams
Performance Ambassador and Head of Drama

