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**DEAN CLOSE**  
SCHOOL  
CHELTENHAM

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are thrilled that the Dean Close Choral Society is able to start again this term. Choral Society comprises a wide range of adults, mostly with direct links to the school but also some local residents who like to sing. Staff, parents, governors, ex-staff, Uncle Tom Cobbley and all are welcome – a basic ability to read music is helpful, though.

Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings, 7.00-8.15pm, in the Helen Porter Hall. We will be learning the Fauré Requiem this term for a performance in Chapel on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to come and see how you get on, we'd be pleased to see you. As there is some unease over returning to singing, please read the information below carefully if you are planning to join us.

1. Everyone who is not a current member of Dean Close staff should do a lateral flow test, please, in the 24 hours preceding each rehearsal. Everyone on the school staff and all pupils are testing twice per week.
2. If your test is positive, or if you have symptoms of Covid, clearly, you are not to attend the rehearsal!
3. We are taking similar measures to other choirs which are starting up again.
4. Please use the hand sanitiser provided when you arrive and again before leaving.
5. Please touch as few surfaces as possible and wear a mask (unless exempt) except during the actual rehearsal.
6. All internal and outside doors to the HPH will be open throughout the rehearsal, so you may like to bring warm clothing if you may feel a draught.
7. We will be spaced out as far as is practically possible.
8. Much as it is good to chat and catch up on news after so long, please would you do this outside before/after the rehearsal as far as possible.
9. If you feel uncomfortable and wish to leave at any time in the rehearsal, we will understand.

The pupils of Chapel Choir will be learning the music during their lunchtime rehearsals and are expected to join the last two evening rehearsals and for the concert itself.

If this is something that interests you, it would be very helpful to have a quick email mentioning which voice part you sing. If you are not familiar with the DCS site, the Music School is the curved building on the left as you come up the Hatherley Road driveway, just after the carpark. Do, please, contact me if you need any further information.

Kind regards

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