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To all parents / carers of
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Dear Parent / Carer and Pupils

Hello from Solihull Academy. Firstly can I please say thank you to all of you for your good will and effort during such a complicated Autumn term (due to COVID). We really appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe and your encouragement of students to engage with our remote learning provision as needed.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR 2020/21 ARRANGEMENTS / STAFF INSET DAYS

We would like to confirm **school closure arrangements for End of the Autumn term, Christmas Holidays and the start of the Spring term as follows:-**

Solihull Academy will close to all pupils for the Christmas holidays at 1:00 pm on Thursday 17 December 2020 after pupils have had their Christmas lunch. Those pupils travelling on the school bus services will depart from school at 1:00 pm. All those not on school bus service and making their own way home via public transport or otherwise will also depart for home, or will need to be picked up from school at 1:00 pm.

Friday 18 December 2020 is a staff training day and school will be closed to all pupils.

Solihull Academy will also be closed to all pupils on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 January 2021 for staff Inset days. School will re-open to all pupils as normal on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - COVID19 CASE NOTIFICATIONS

We have made it to the end of term (and it is has been a tough one) as we continue on in these still uncertain times. Even though the school is closed for the break, we will still need to know of any Solihull Academy pupils who are isolating or who receive positive test results up until Christmas Eve as this may impact upon other pupils and staff. In order to be able to manage this effectively, we would like to again put some measures in place to keep our school community safe and aware.

If parents/carers need to make contact with the school regarding Covid-19 please email details to senquiries@sa.solihull.sch.uk. This will be monitored daily up until 24 December 2020 as per government guidance. *You will only need to contact the school if symptoms emerge within 48 hours of pupil last being in school.*

All parents/carers are asked to keep the school informed of any positive test results and where pupils are required to isolate. Proof of test results will be required and need to be emailed to senquiries@sa.solihull.sch.uk.

If you have any queries, questions or would like further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us by 3:00 pm on Thursday 17 December on 0121 709 5420.

If we need to contact you for any reason in relation to COVID issues, until 24 December, we will notify you directly by email. If you have recently changed your email address please would you notify the school immediately in order for our records to be updated.

We may also receive advice from Public Health England and this will also be emailed to you directly. Should you have any questions regarding any Public Health England advice we send to you via email, please contact PHE (West Midlands) directly on their telephone number 0344 225 3560.

We hope you all have a safe, restful and relaxing holiday season, and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Wednesday, 6 January 2021.

May I take this opportunity to wish you happy holidays and, again thank you for your understanding and patience this term. Again, have safe break and Thank You as always for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Steinhaus', written in a cursive style.

Mr Stephen Steinhaus
Principal