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17th December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

As we reach the end of the term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your continued support. This letter provides with you with some general updates as well as information about the arrangements for the beginning of the spring term.

Arrangements for the start of the Spring Term

As you are already aware, the DfE have asked that all students have the opportunity to be tested before returning to school in January. The arrangements we have made for testing are as follows:

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Year 11, 12 and 13 should return to school as normal (8.35am start) and report to their tutor rooms.

These year groups will receive an on-site lateral flow test between 9.00–10.30am (alphabetically) before returning to lessons.

Years 7 – 10 will come into school on this day for their lateral flow test only, before returning home. The testing will take place in Oak Hall and students should attend at the following times (they should wear full school uniform).

10.45am – 11.30am	Students in Years 7 – 10, surnames A - C
11.30am – 12.15pm	Students in Years 7 – 10, surnames D - J
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Students in Years 7 – 10, surnames K- O
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Students in Years 7 – 10, surnames P - Z

Wednesday 5th January 2022

All students to attend school as normal, arriving to their tutor room for 8.35am. On this day, there will be an extended tutor time until 10am (to allow for a uniform check and for new planners to be distributed).

Please complete this [MS form](#) to indicate whether you consent to your child having an on-site Lateral Flow Test on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Please note, if your child is in Years 11, 12 or 13 and you do not wish them to have an on-site lateral flow test (or they cannot test due to having tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days) then they should still attend school as normal at 8.35am on that day (as they will be starting their lessons).





Uniform

A reminder of our uniform expectations is [here](#).

If students receive new coats, bags or shoes for school over the Christmas break, please do check that they meet the uniform expectations. Trainers are not permitted as a replacement for school shoes.

Phones / Technology

Mobile phones, airpods and smart watches (including FitBits) are not allowed in school. We are committed to ensuring that students are focused on education and have no distraction in the form of technology or social media. Your support on this matter would be much appreciated. We are not liable for the loss or damage of any of these items at school.

Arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays

We continue to record all cases of COVID-19. If your child tests positive over the Christmas period, please email our dedicated email address positivetest@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk so that we can keep a record.

Current COVID cases at TGAS

Current cases (students / staff who are currently off (Friday 17th December) due to a confirmed positive case of COVID are as follows:

Year group	Number of current cases
7	1
8	2
9	4
10	5
11	1
12	2
13	2
Staff	4
The Elms	0
TOTAL CASES	21

Arrangements for remote learning

We anticipate we may have more cases of individual self-isolation for COVID reasons in the New Year due to the emerging national picture. Teachers will provide remote work for students via an invite to a TEAMS lesson which would appear on their calendar on this platform or via work set on SMH (Show My Homework). Please see our [website](#) for a more detailed picture of our remote learning offer.

We have reminded students this week of how to access the SMH and TEAMS platforms and what to do if they have any issues with passwords. Guidance and help videos can also be found [here](#) on the website.





We recently sent a survey to all parents asking you to let us know if your child has wifi issues / does not have a device (ipad or PC) suitable for remote learning. Wherever possible, we will loan families in need a device / discuss alternative arrangements. Please contact us at office@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk if you require any assistance with SMH/ TEAMS / devices.

Support for students over the Christmas break

The students have all been reminded today about the various sources of support available to them when school is closed. These details can be found in the back of the student planner and include details of [Kooth](#), an online counselling service.

Timetables

As we have had some staffing changes, there will be updates to student timetables over the Christmas break. Please check your child's timetable on your MCAS account prior to them returning to school in January.

I am sure that we will face new challenges in the New Year but I assure you that we will continue to do our very best to deal with the dynamic situation we are in. We remain grateful for your support at this time.

If you have any specific questions that you want us to address then please email on office@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk. Please note that this email address will not be monitored regularly between 22nd December – 4th January inclusive (or over weekends).

I hope that you have a happy and healthy break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Smith
Principal

