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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: INSET Day, Friday 18th December 2020.

Following the Department for Education's announcement on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Dudley Academies Trust are following this guidance and designating Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as an additional INSET day.

The Autumn Term will therefore end on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. On this day, learners will finish their normal time and break up for the holidays. The Spring Term will commence for all learners and staff on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

I appreciate that this is short notice. However, as always, our priority is the wellbeing of our learners and staff. Over the festive period, we will continue to monitor confirmed cases of Coronavirus. It is therefore, important to notify the academy should you have a confirmed case during the holidays. This should be done by emailing the relevant academy helpline. Details of which can be found under the COVID-19 > Confirmed Cases Tab on the relevant academy or Trust website.

To say that this term has not been easy is an understatement. Nevertheless, our learners have been resilient and definitely demonstrated our value of 'Respecting each other and our word'. All staff have stepped up to support each other and to provide the best education possible for our learners in these challenging circumstances.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated, and I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, restful and safe break.

Yours faithfully

Jo Higgins Chief Executive

