

Dear Parent/Carer,

We wish you all a very happy Christmas period and hope you will have the opportunity to spend time together with your family and friends over the festive season. Students have worked hard this term and will no doubt be looking forward to some well-earned rest too.

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#### Recovery Curriculum

Throughout this term students and teachers have been working hard on what we call our recovery curriculum. Departments have adapted their planning to support the recovery of our student's learning from the lockdown periods.

In support of this recovery, we have been working to further strengthen our student assessments, developing the use of language in the classroom while also seeking to improve our feedback at all levels in the Federation. Students knowing clearly what they need to improve and how to do that is fundamental to their continued progress. We are also pleased to see the engagement with our after-school activities by so many students, all of which will continue into the new year.

#### Next Year

Staff will be back in school on the 4<sup>th</sup> January for a day's INSET training, while students will be expected to return on **5<sup>th</sup> January at the normal arrival time**. We will keep you updated with any changing government guidance and recognise the potential challenges the Omicron variant may present in the new year. Please continue to complete twice weekly LFT testing over the Christmas holiday, and we will be conducting in-school testing on the first day back along with all secondary school across the County. Students have been given test boxes to bring home at the end of term.

Make sure school equipment is at the top of student's lists to Santa, as well as any items of school uniform they have outgrown. We are developing a greater stock of good quality second hand uniform too - if this is something you would like to explore further please e-mail the school offices and we will do what we can to help. Students will need to continue to bring a face mask to school next term.

We are all sad to see Miss Brady moving on at the end of this term. She has done an excellent job in supporting students at Solway School over the past few years. We know she will do well in her next role a little closer to her home.

We expect a couple of new staff members to start at Solway in January too, Mr Barker who will be teaching Maths, and Mr Littleton who will be teaching Maths and Science. We know they will be warmly welcomed.

Thank you this term for supporting us to support various charities. A worthwhile reflection over Christmas is centred around how we can all help others in need. This is particularly pertinent with everything going on in our communities at the moment. We know all our donations have been gratefully received and appreciated by those who will benefit from them.

Have a wonderful break, find time to rest and reflect on your year, then set yourselves a few achievable targets for the year to come.

Any questions please contact the school's office.

On behalf of all the staff at Cumbria Futures Federation, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Yours sincerely



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