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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin this letter by offering you all a heartfelt thanks for all the help, love and support you have shown to your sons and daughters and our Academy community during these last 15 weeks.

I am acutely aware that the continual updates, changes to tiers, social distancing, self-isolation and rules of 4, 6 and beyond are confusing for us all. However, as a community, we have worked together to ensure everyone's safety and maintain a high standard of education for your children.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with all the various systems and processes we have applied and will continue to apply to maintain a 10:10 Academy for everyone involved.

This Christmas will be unlike any that we have experienced and due to the restrictions and limitations that have slowed the pace of life somewhat, it provides us with time to stop and reflect on what this season is actually about, to focus on what matters. As a Christian Academy, I think this can be best summed up in terms of connections:

Connections between loved ones, those people who mean the most to us.

Connections with those who this time of year can be a lonely period and need a simple, kind gesture.

Connections between all those critical workers who continue to serve so selflessly and loyally.

Connections between us and the focus of 'Christ' mas, the baby in the manger, Christ Emmanuel

In our Academy foyer we have our Nativity scene and within this scene, the connections are evident: rich and poor, powerful and meek, wise and uneducated, loved and unloved.

Looking at the world around us and the one that your children, our pupils, will enter, there has never been a greater need to make some connections with one another.

For that reason, I hope you all have very safe and connected Christmas and New Year, whether those connections be within a bubble, via the internet or over the phone.

God bless.
Mr. T Hutchinson

