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Dear Parents,

With lessons back in full swing, I wanted to touch base with all parents to mention how PD (Personal Development) lessons are going to work over the coming weeks. In normal school routines, these lessons usually revolve around discussion based activities, which are hard to conduct over Microsoft Teams. In lieu of this, we are planning on setting the boys various challenges for them to complete at home. These tasks vary from short activities - asking the boys to help out around the house (hoovering, cleaning windows, making a cup of tea), through to longer tasks, which are often cooking based, and may involve some preparation. Various members of staff have put together instructional videos for the boys to watch, which guide them through each task.

For boys in Years 3 & 4, we will only be setting a short task each week, asking them to complete these tasks during lesson time where possible.

For Years 5-8, we plan on setting 2 tasks each week; one shorter task for them to hopefully complete during lesson time, and another longer task that they can complete out of lesson time if they so wish. This longer task is optional - and there will be no consequences if the boys do not complete this task; this is already an anxious time for boys and parents, we are only adding these as a fun, optional extra.

On occasion, it may be required for adults at home to supervise or help with some of these activities, especially for the younger pupils. Again, please rest assured that if you cannot help out during lesson time then shorter activities can be completed at a time which works for you at home.

We will be asking boys to document their progress though the coming weeks, and they can keep a log of the various activities they have completed (via a document on Google Classroom).

I hope that makes sense - and I look forward to seeing how the boys get on!

Many thanks,
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