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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's Happening and When?

This Friday we would like to invite your child to join in with a 'Live PSHE Lesson'. This lesson will be accessible for all through Zoom, on the link that will be sent out this Thursday afternoon via email to each class. This link will stay the same for the next 4 weeks. We will not be able to record this lesson and we would encourage, where possible, for your child to join their class and teacher. However, we know that for some this might not be possible due to your own work commitments.

Your child's usual class teacher will be hosting the 'Live Lesson' which will allow the children to be able to speak with their teacher, class and to engage a little with others. The class teacher will guide conversations and steer your child as to when to mute etc. We are encouraging the children to join in using both audio and video so that they can be 'together'.

The Live Lessons will take place each Friday at:

- Year 3 – 9am to 9.30am
- Year 4 – 10am to 10.30am
- Year 5 – 11am to 11.30am
- Year 6 – 9.30am to 10am

Why are we doing this?

We want the children to know that although they are apart we are still together and that we recognise that the majority of children wish to communicate with their friends and peers hence supporting class togetherness through PSHE every Friday until Half-Term.

We know that for some children at home, seeing children in school who are able to talk to their peers, could be viewed as 'unfair' by those home learning. We do not wish to add to their frustrations and we leave this to you to decide if you feel your child would benefit from being together with their class. Please rest assured that it is not our intention to possibly add to any frustrations. May I also suggest that it is also hard for those in school too, especially when they see their friends and peers getting the chance to learn at home; while they have to be in school and in uniform. Ultimately, it is a fine balance but through our weekly PSHE lessons we know we can offer the children the chance to be together during what are exceptionally difficult and different times.

We hope that your child enjoys their PSHE lessons and thank you for your understanding and support.

With kind regards,

Miss Collis
Deputy Head and Remote Learning Lead