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## Dear Parents / Guardians

It is the end of the first week of school closure due to the imposed restrictions due to Coronavirus. I do hope that you have stayed well and been able to navigate the new challenges of work, families and children learning from home. There will no doubt have been numerous difficulties and steep learning curves for the boys as they manage their own learning and as teachers rapidly upskill in teaching remotely using the Teams technologies. Thank you for your support of your sons; I know that the teachers are reflecting upon the last week and are keen to learn from our shared experiences so far. In order to support teachers and boys next week you may like to help by:

- Monitoring your son's school timetable and checking he has logged onto Teams for **each** of the days' lessons.
- Check your son's Teams profile, ensuring he has an appropriate profile picture (as this can be seen by all staff and pupils at Aston)
- Periodically observe what your son is doing online and check that he is focused on the set work, using formal language in his messaging and being thorough in the completion of tasks.

There are a small number of pupils who are not logging onto Teams regularly. These boys run the risk of getting behind in their work; something we are all keen to avoid. Thank you for your help in motivating the boys from home.

Mr Wright-Smith sends out a daily 'enrichment' email to all of the boys. This has fun tasks on it and might be something the whole family could enjoy together. This email signposts numerous on and offline activities including virtual tours of museums and free audio books.

School remains open with a skeleton staff every week day should there be an immediate need for your son to seek support. The school email is checked daily and all teachers who are working are online every day setting and monitoring school work via Teams.

Many parents of year 11 and year 13 pupils will no doubt be waiting for announcements about how GCSE and A Level results will be established this summer. As soon as we have the information we will contact pupils and parents. In the meantime, please ensure your son continues to complete all of the work set for each of their subjects.

As we come to the end of a long week can I thank you for your support of the boys at home and wish you a relaxing and healthy weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Lewsey Deputy Headteacher

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