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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today I have delivered an assembly to your son / daughter outlining my expectations while they are being educated at home. I have informed them that this information will be shared with you to provide clarity and avoid confusion.

Advice to our students was given as follows:

Academic matters: **Wisdom**

- Most of you (our students) will be working at their own home or that of a friend or relative so you need space and resources for this
- You should have five pieces of work to do each day that replicate your timetable
- Work will be on Show My Home Work, Maths Watch, Google Classroom or other platforms
- Some practical lessons such as PE and Art will set you activities to do
- You will need to take responsibility for your own learning - you will not get these weeks of school back so need to keep up to date and complete all work to the **best** of their ability

Wellbeing matters: **Dignity**

- Try to keep to a routine between Monday and Friday, ie get up at a reasonable time and get dressed
- Create an area at home for you to study in
- If you need to share a computer, laptop or tablet with a sibling make sure you cooperate with each other
- Take care with screen time (work offline where possible, and avoid too much gaming of binge watching)
- Use social media carefully and for support - do not argue or fall out with your friends as you will really struggle to make up
- Work to the best of your ability - keep trying and ask for help at home or at school if you need it

Other information: **Hope and Community**

- Check your school email account at least once a day
- We will put together a student bulletin every week and this will be emailed to you
- You can use Tootoot as usual if you are concerned about anything
- You can email your teachers - their emails are on the school website
- If you need IT support email Mr Thresher on jtr@priorycofe.com

Naturally, we will be relying on your support by reinforcing these messages at home. Please feel free to email your child's teachers or form tutor if you need to; staff will mostly be working from home so will be responding to emails during the school day.

We will maintain regular communication, including a newsletter, until we are instructed that we can open as usual.

Thank you all for your support,

Mrs Gibb

Headteacher

