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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a positive and productive week and have been able to enjoy the recent sunshine at some point during the last few days. As always your work supporting your child's remote learning is hugely appreciated and never taken for granted. If you could complete the following link we would be exceptionally grateful: [remote learning survey](#) Please note, on Friday 3rd July we have an all staff training day, staff will not be setting or responding to remote learning questions during that day.

We have a variety of activities coming out very soon, some will be revealed while others like the virtual sports week, weekly assemblies and Year 6 into 7 transition planning are well under way. Next year's timetable is now written, tutor groups are decided and we are so looking forward to (hopefully) seeing everyone back in September.

Like many, the Putteridge High community has been shocked and appalled by the tragic killing of George Floyd, and we have all sought to understand how to respond to the outpouring of grief and anger around the world. It has been good to hear from many staff and students, seeking to know what the school can do, and is doing, to support the Black Lives Matter movement. It has made us dig deep into ourselves about the learning we provide. Reaching out to the oppressed and the marginalised has always been central to the ethos of Putteridge High, and we constantly encourage our students to stand up for what is right and to fight injustice wherever they find it. This tragedy has provided a valuable opportunity for us all to reflect on our attitudes and behaviours, and to endeavour to develop even further an education which probes, questions and enlightens. Most importantly, it calls for us to listen – and I assure you we are.

For us to look more deeply into creating a culture where we celebrate our differences and tackle prejudice and hate, we need to spend time reflecting, so we can make our school the very best it can be, for our current students, and for the generations to follow. Change takes time but with your help we can make this school a place of hope and empowerment for all.

What we do know is that by standing strong together we can make the bigger difference. We have fantastic students, great staff and an ethos of high aspiration for all. Thank you for your continued support, during these unsettled times.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Graham
Headteacher