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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Parrenthorn High School will be holding a 'Connect Four Challenge Day'. This is a day set outside of the normal curriculum to inspire and challenge our pupils. It is an opportunity for pupils to spend some much needed time away from their screens. Throughout the day pupils will not have timetabled lessons nor direction from their teachers. The 'Connect Four Challenge Day' will, rather, be a day for pupils to independently explore four different themes chosen specially to support their resilience and well-being. Our pupils will choose and complete challenges that address the themes of physical activity, selflessness, creativity and mental health.

**School will remain open for children of key workers and vulnerable pupils. However, please could you contact school before 3.00 p.m. on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March to confirm whether or not your child requires a place in school on the day of the Connect Four Challenge.**

Pupils can successfully 'Connect Four' by completing a challenge from within each theme. To do so Parrenthorn pupils will have to demonstrate thoughtfulness, energy, skill, creativity and compassion reflecting the Parrenthorn core values of Respect, Aspire, Believe and Achieve. All pupils who have completed a challenge for each theme should record evidence of their successes. Pupils can present photographs, videos, written descriptions, or podcasts as evidence. This can then be shared to their Heads of House by being uploaded onto the 'Connect Four' task page on SMHK by the end of the school day. Pupils will be clearly instructed beforehand to respect the current Covid-19 lockdown rules and restrictions and to get parental/carer approval before beginning any challenge.

Please visit the school website using the following link for full instructions for the challenge day:

**<https://parrenthorn.com/house-system>**

Unfortunately, it cannot be a completely screen-free day as the pupils will have to record and submit their evidence, but we hope interaction with screens can be kept to a minimum.

We hope pupils will enjoy the day and all those who successfully complete and present evidence of all four completed challenges will be entered into a draw along with their other successful house mates for a range of prizes.

Yours sincerely,

Heads of House.