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Letter to Parents of Boys in Y3-8

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Dear Parents

Normally we recall all library books at the end of the Summer Term – books can be kept over the Christmas and Easter holidays. Unfortunately, as a result of a rather abrupt and hasty departure last March library books remained on issue to the boys.

As might be expected, when I returned in September there was a rather large overdue list waiting for me. I have attempted to retrieve the books over these last weeks but have not been as successful as I would have hoped! As the boys are not able to visit the library during these difficult times, I have been unable to gently prompt and remind them and have instead had to rely on the teachers – who needless to say have had far more important things to do than chasing overdues! Books are coming in slowly and many parents have been in contact, thank you for that, but there are still many books outstanding. As some of these are part of a series or are our popular titles it is important that they are found or replaced.

It is not the school's policy to charge for lost library books and I would prefer that this did not change so I am asking your help please to locate as many of these books as possible. If you could help your son have a jolly good rummage at home to see if they have been overlooked, I would be very grateful.

I have done a final tally and any boys with outstanding books will have a note in their prep diary giving details. I am hopeful that many will be found over the half-term break but if not then please sign the note in the diary and I will arrange for your son's computer record to mark the book as lost. You may notice that some of the books were borrowed at the end of last year. As books can be kept over the Christmas break at the start of the new term there is often some forgetfulness as to where the book is and it can take a month or so for it to be found!

Under normal circumstance the boys are usually very good in taking care of the books that they borrow - I do appreciate that this year it has been more difficult for them. Thank you for your help with this and hopefully all the books will find their way back home to the Library at the end of the break.

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