**8.3.6 – Feminism and Positive Masculinity**

**Handout A - Scenarios**

Liam and his friends are laughing about a video where a famous influencer says, **"Women should stay in the kitchen, that’s their job!"** When Olivia tells them that’s a misogynistic comment, Liam replies, **"Relax, it’s just a joke."**

💬 **Discussion Questions:**

* How do you think Olivia feels?
* Why is saying "It’s just a joke" a problem?
* How could you challenge this in a way that helps Liam understand?

Jamie is feeling really stressed about exams coming up at school, but when he tells his older brother, his brother says, **"Man up, stop acting like a girl."**

💬 **Discussion Questions:**

* What’s wrong with telling someone to "man up"?
* Why is it important for everyone to be able to express their emotions?
* How could you support Jamie?

Your friend Noah has started following an online influencer who says things like **"Men should always be in charge"** and **"Women are weak."** He’s started repeating these ideas and saying feminism is "stupid."

💬 **Discussion Questions:**

* Why do you think Noah could be drawn to this influencer?
* What could you say to help Noah think critically about these messages?
* How could you be a good friend while also challenging his views?

In PE class, Sarah wants to join a football game, but Jake tells her, **"Nobody’s gonna want you to be on their team. No offence, but girls aren’t really good at football.”**

💬 **Discussion Questions:**

* How do you think Sarah feels in this situation?
* Why is it unfair to assume girls aren’t good at sports?
* If you were Sarah’s friend, how could you support her?

Alex tells his friends that he wants to work in childcare when he grows up. Mia laughs and says, **"That’s a girl’s job!”** The other students stay quiet, and Alex looks embarrassed.

💬 **Discussion Questions:**

* How do you think Alex feels after hearing this?
* Why is it unfair to say certain jobs are only for men or women?
* If you were one of Alex’s friends, how could you support him?