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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Coronavirus – Trips Update

As you will be aware the spread of COVID-19 is causing some disruption to travel and significant concern to parents, staff and students involved in educational visits and exchanges. This is an ongoing situation and the advice given today could change at any point.

There is currently no advice against school visits to anywhere in the UK. Schools are advised they should continue with visits as normal, unless directed otherwise by Public Health England. However, we are aware that some venues are choosing to postpone visits and reduce the number of people gathered at their locations.

With regard to international travel we are constantly in communication with our travel partners, Hampshire County Council and monitoring the information shared by Public Health England and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). As a school we will be following their advice, which could potentially mean that a visit may be cancelled at the last minute.

Unless the FCO advise against travel to a region or country, then any decision by parents or students not to attend a trip is likely to be viewed by an insurer as disinclination to travel and therefore is unlikely to be covered by cancellation insurance.

We will keep parents and students updated with any new information regarding any of the trips the school has planned.

Yours sincerely

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