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Dear Parent/Guardian

In this unpredictable and turbulent time that we find ourselves in we have been working hard to ensure that your son/daughter achieves the best experience possible when attending a residential trip with us.

After careful consideration, whilst looking at all of the advice that has been offered to us at present, we have taken the difficult decision to not proceed with the **Washington DC trip in April 2021**. As you can imagine we wish our students to have the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the exciting experiences a residential trip generates and we feel this experience will be hindered as a consequence of the many unknowns and potential restrictions that could be put in place (venue closures or restrictions/quarantine processes, alterations to itineraries/additional supplement requests etc.)

We will explore with our travel partners and relevant authorities the possibility of reorganising the trip when the time is right to do so, and we will be in contact when we have more information regarding this. We cannot give any indication at this time as to when this may take place, which groups of students it would involve or the duration of the stay but we will endeavour in the future to offer the experience of a lifetime that this trip was originally intended to be.

In terms of refunds we will seek to reimburse all payments made and to support us in doing so could you please complete the attached form with your details. We will not be holding any monies already paid to contribute towards any potential re-bookings. New costings and details will be sent if the trip is viable to be re-booked. Unfortunately, we cannot give you a timescale at present for refunds to be processed but it will be actioned as soon as we possibly can.

We understand the disappointment and frustration this may cause as we feel it too. Please be assured we will do everything we can to ensure your child has the option to experience a trip of a lifetime without it being impacted by the looming shadow that the Covid 19 virus is currently casting.

If you have any queries please email wildern@wildern.hants.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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