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**Ref: Year 6 Bude residential and activities week**

Dear Parents,

With the 18<sup>th</sup> May almost upon us - our scheduled enrichment week - I write to share the current state of play with respect to the Bude residential and the in-school activities week.

Following the national school closure on March 20<sup>th</sup>, the reality of the coming months was unknown, with plans that had been made put on temporary hold. Optimists amongst us would have hoped we would have returned to normality, but time in this case is not on our side.

Throughout recent weeks we have been in conversations with the operating companies that organise and run the facilities we were due to be visiting – these are still ongoing and will continue for some time.

To date, and this is still applicable, the Department for Education is currently advising against domestic trips (residential and non-residential) for children under 18 organised by educational settings, which when applied by our school impacts on the Year 6 end of year residential and activities week.

As I am sure you will appreciate these can no longer take place as a direct impact of the global pandemic. While we know that this will be disappointing for our Year 6 pupils we know that it is the right decision to make sure that they are all safe.

In response to the decision that the residential and activities week will not be taking place, the Inspiring Schools Partnership, will action refunds to return all monies paid. Our admin team are currently working in collaboration with the finance team of the trust and will seek to facilitate these in a timely manner - your patience and understanding with respect to this is greatly appreciated.

I do hope you are well.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards

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