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Dear Parents,

Following on from the Press Conference given yesterday evening by the Prime Minister, I have made the decision that the Year 4 trip to London will not go ahead at this time.

While the trip is not due to happen for another four weeks, I need to make a decision based on the information that I have available to me at this time and that was updated yesterday:

- We have been directed to avoid all unnecessary travel.
- We have been told to avoid unnecessary socialising and being in public places.
- The country is still on the upward curve of the pandemic.
- London is a vulnerable location at this time.
- As the rules for self-isolation change I cannot guarantee that I will have the staff capacity to enable the trip to take place.

I would like to thank the Year 4 team and the office staff who have worked incredibly hard to get this new residential off the ground. We are currently exploring whether or not we can potentially re-book for July, should things change. Therefore, we will keep parents' deposits and payments in the first instance while we explore if this is possible. However, if you would like your money returned now then please do speak to the office and they can get this sorted for you.

As the trip is not currently going ahead we are cancelling the meeting that was due to happen this evening. I am sure that you will forgive the short notice as we respond daily to national updates.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding. I will ask Miss Card and her team to let the children know this afternoon that the trip is not going ahead at this point.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Hunter Headteacher