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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you with regards to the KS3 Activities week trips and payment schedules in light of the current issues arising from the coronavirus pandemic. It is impossible to predict the length of the current school closure and therefore the impact on planned excursions.

Current DfE guidance bans overseas visits **from the 17th March and applies initially for thirty days only**. This guidance of course is likely to be reviewed, but until such time as that occurs, we are bound by the guidelines laid out to us. The current guidance does not prevent UK based trips.

If as a School we cancel any trips now, the liability will not be on the companies as the visits are still several months away and therefore insurance would not cover the excursions in terms of refunds. If companies themselves cancel then it is an entirely different situation.

To this end, our current guidance to parents is contained below.

Year 7 Lake District Camping Trip: As this is an internally run trip, there is no requirement for any further payment at this moment. We will update you with any developments as time progresses and the guidelines and situation are updated.

Year 8 & 9 Residential Trips to Paris and PGL: We are currently asking that parents continue to pay the installments for the Year 8 and 9 trips as scheduled on Wise Pay. Having been in communication with the companies running the trips, both companies have confirmed that the visits are still currently scheduled to go ahead. It is clear that a lot could change in the coming months but this is the most current information we have. We will continue to monitor the ongoing situation and adhere to the government guidelines. We will also communicate any amendments to the current situation as and when they arise.

Yours sincerely

Mr Day
Joint Head of School