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Dear Parents

I write to inform you that it is with regret that I have had to take the difficult decision to cancel the planned trip to Normandy next summer 2021.

I realise that this trip is some months in the future and that it is hard to predict what measures will be in place with regards to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, with no clarity on our insurance position after March, and a remaining question mark over the quarantine restrictions that might be in place - which would not only present an inconvenience to yourselves but also might limit our ability to staff the trip - the financial risk at this stage of not cancelling remains too high. Current gov.uk and North Yorkshire guidance is that overnight trips are not permitted but the recent advice of the Association of British Insurers is that schools will no longer be covered for the loss of such trips in any circumstances. This decision has the full support of governors.

I realise this will be a disappointment to yourselves and your son/daughter and I am saddened by the fact that another co-curricular trip has had to be curtailed due to the pandemic. Cancelling at this stage will involve some considerable financial loss to the school and therefore I regret to inform you that we are unable to reimburse the non-refundable deposit of £40 which has already been paid to the tour company. The school will be covering the second deposit.

Once again, please accept my apologies and I do hope that we can resume our normal trip programme, some time, in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely

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