

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## Year 6 London Residential 2020

Dear Parents,

Due to the ongoing situation with coronavirus it has, with great sadness, been necessary to cancel our Year 6 London residential.

This decision has been made for a number of reasons. Firstly, it is not known when the children will be back at school and returning to a sense of 'normality'. It is, therefore, incredibly difficult to plan for a rescheduled trip having, at this stage, no way of knowing when it is likely to happen.

Secondly, there is, as you can imagine, a lot of planning that goes into a trip such as this and it would not be possible to book the various excursions, restaurants and transport required in what would be a very short space of time once we have returned to school.

Finally, and crucially, all of the restaurants and some other 'providers', including The Houses of Parliament, have cancelled our bookings and have not been able to guarantee when they will be reopening their doors to the public.

As you can appreciate, having spent time planning and organising what is always such an enjoyable residential, we are incredibly disappointed to have come to this decision, but I am sure that you will understand our position in such uncertain times.

We will of course, in time, be in a position to be able to issue refunds for payments that have already been made. We have been in communication with all of the organisations that have taken bookings and payments from us to acquire refunds but as most businesses are temporarily closed, we have not had any confirmation of precisely when this will happen. We respectfully ask for your patience whilst we continue to deal with cancellations. As soon as these issues have been resolved we will be back in touch with you all.

Finally, and most importantly, please pass on our sympathies to your children who, I am sure, will be upset to hear this news. We know how much they will have been looking forward to this trip and once we are settled back at school, we will organise something that will hopefully, in some small part, make up for them missing out on this experience.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Jodie Flynn Headteacher