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Dear Parent/Carer

24th July 2020

Re: Class 5 Trip to Kingswood – September 2020

It is with much regret that I am writing to inform you that we have had to cancel our planned residential educational visit to Kingswood (Dukeshouse Wood – Hexham) in September 2020.

We have held off making a final decision in case government guidance changed, however, as of today (24th July) we are still being advised that we are not allowed to take children on overnight visits. Therefore, we have confirmed our cancellation with Kingswood. I appreciate that the children (and the staff) will be extremely disappointed as this is always a fantastic trip and a great way to start the school year. Having said that, I also appreciate that even if we were allowed to go, some parents may not be comfortable with their children undertaking the trip so early in the academic year given the children will only just have returned to school following the pandemic arrangements with restrictions still in place.

It may be possible for us to organise a day trip to Kingswood later in the year or even to book an overnight trip – depending upon how the plans for Covid-19 progress.

I appreciate that all of you have paid the first deposit of £50 and that some have paid more than that. I am relieved to confirm that the DDMAT's insurance company have confirmed that they will reimburse the school in the event that our first deposits are lost following cancellation. If you have paid more than the first £50 – this money is being held in the school account. Therefore, when we return to school in September ALL money paid will be reimbursed (unless you are in debt to the school). We will be touch with everyone in September to make the necessary arrangements to repay any money owing.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross
Acting Head Teacher

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