

9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 8 Normandy Residential Visit 23/3/20 – 26/3/20**

I am writing to update you on the current situation with our insurance and travel company, in the lead up to Normandy. As of tonight this is the situation:

- Our insurance company has advised us that they will only pay out a refund if the Government decides against travel to Normandy in France
- Without guidance from the Government to cancel the trip, should we decide to ahead, the school is liable for all the costs incurred for however long we are out there, in the event of a lock down
- The school is unable to take this risk. We do not have the capacity to pay for this expense
- If we make the decision not to go to Normandy, prior to a potential Government decision, nobody will receive an insurance pay out

The school is currently alerting County to this dilemma, as we are using the County travel insurers. The school is currently liaising with the travel company to find out if we can postpone the visit and travel in June or July.

I have, therefore, advised the Year 8 Parents who attended the Normandy meeting tonight that we will reschedule a follow up meeting next **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm**. We will continue to plan as if the visit is going ahead, ie we need your child's EHIC card, passport and medical forms returned to the school office asap.

We are checking Government and County guidelines on a daily basis and we will keep you informed of any changes. In all our decision making process our main aims are to:

- Ensure your children are safe
- Seek the best solution
- Maximise the opportunities for your money to be returned, should the visit not go ahead.

Yours sincerely



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