

16th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Normandy Visit – Meeting cancelled

In considering the current Coronavirus situation, it would be unwise to hold a meeting for parents, so I have made the decision to cancel the meeting tonight and communicate with you via Parentmail, Facebook and our website.

As of Friday 13th March, the current situation for our Normandy visit is as follows:

- The Government has advised that international trips for school children under 18 should not go ahead. This was confirmed in writing to schools on Friday afternoon. Therefore, we are unable to travel
- As of Friday, the Insurers had not changed their position. The two conditions that they would not cover is quarantine expenses or a refund, until they received written confirmation from the Government
- We are hopeful, that the Insurers will now have now have no choice but to change their position, but we have not yet had confirmation

During the last week, particularly following the recent Government announcement, I have been communicating with the Lead Advisors at County, who are placing pressure on the County Insurers to move their position.

I will not formally cancel the trip until the end of the week, giving the Insurers time to change their decision. My aims over the next few weeks are:

- To do everything possible to secure a refund
- To consider what alternative visit/activities we can offer our Year 8, subject to the Coronavirus outbreak

I commit to keeping you up to date with the response from County and the Insurers via the Newsletter on Friday.

We are all saddened for Year 8, but as you will be aware, this is out of our control. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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