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Dear Parents,



Head Teacher

Mrs E J Brown

As with all information surrounding the Coronavirus the situation is ever changing and we are constantly monitoring and adhering to Public Health England information and guidance. We wished to update you about the situation for the residential that is planned for next week to Rock UK.

On Monday 16th March, the Government stated that people in the 0 – 69 age group are advised against 'social mixing in the community' (for example pubs, clubs, theatres or cinemas) and 'having friends and family to the house'. We feel that we need to take this into consideration for our trip to Rock UK. Although the Government have said that trips and residentials for children under 18 can go ahead, we do not feel this takes into account venues that are hosting multiple schools as Rock UK are.

Rock UK have reassured us about the hygiene and safety measures they are taking to prevent the spread of Coronavirus but have left us with some unanswered questions that we are trying to resolve ourselves.

We have had to adapt our contingency plan in light of new and recent events. I am no longer able to offer to step in for a member of staff taking ill whilst at Rock UK due to staff absence and the need for me to be at school during this difficult time. Therefore, if a member of staff displays symptoms – a continuous cough or high temperature the trip will need to be cut short and the children brought home.

There are currently a number of children in self-isolation as they have followed the guidance after displaying symptoms or living with someone who has. As stated on our contingency plan, these children will not be able to attend the residential should it fall within their 7 days of absence or 14 if they are not the person displaying symptoms.

We thank you for your patience and want to emphasise that like you, we feel torn between giving your children the memorable and enjoyable times they deserve whilst balancing this against the risks that this is creating. We will continue to keep you updated and will make a final decision about our attendance to the trip over the next 48 hours.

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Mrs Brown