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Dear Parents,

I would like to update you about the school's position regarding Coronavirus and the upcoming Northumberland residential for Year Five.

Unfortunately the residential planned for 1st – 3rd April has been cancelled.

This decision has been made with a heavy heart although, as I have reiterated over the past few days, the health and well-being of our pupils and staff is my priority. There are further number of factors that have to be considered: our limited staffing numbers mean we cannot adequately supervise the children; if a child or an adult shows symptoms whilst away, it will be significantly more difficult to access appropriate resources/space for isolation; the residential relies upon a number of experiences/visitors/support staff to run meaningfully – with the current economic situation, these cannot be relied upon. I know the children particularly will be disappointed however I feel this is the only course of action that can be taken at present.

There is a silver lining however – a provisional date has been given (Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th September) so the residential can still go ahead. All costs which have been paid so far will remain as will the information which has been provided. We all hope and pray that this new date can go ahead but only time will tell.

Mrs. Forrest will communicate this to the children later today; if your child is not in school, please let them know.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and kind words; it really does mean a lot during such uncertain times. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs. F. Stephenson

