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Dear Parents and Carers

Spanish Trip Update

As you know we were hoping to run the Spanish Trip to Andalucia in July 2022. We had made initial enquiries and some parents had paid deposits. Last week we spoke to Hampshire Outdoor Education Service and then the travel company to check where we now stand. Hampshire's current advice to us is not to go any further and cancel the trip.

Our concern is that COVID remains an issue for both the UK and Spain with changing travel requirements still occurring on a weekly basis. Although the travel company has a 'COVID' policy concerning refunds it is fairly limited and could lead to parents losing their money if the trip does not go ahead. As an example, if Spain were to introduce a vaccination requirement for students and our students were not vaccinated, we would be legally allowed to travel to Spain but once there, the students would not be able to take part in any activities or trips. Technically the trip could still run and if we cancelled, everyone would lose their money.

Mrs Collison and I have discussed the situation at great length and the only conclusion that we could arrive at was too high a risk to continue with the trip. We are all very disappointed as I am sure you are as well, but in the best interests of the children and parents it seems that this is the decision we have to make at this time.

If you have paid a deposit, the money will be returned to you shortly.

Once again, I am sorry that the trip cannot take place, but it seems the only sensible decision we can make. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely



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