



Thursday 29th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 School Journey

I last wrote to you letting you know that the rescheduled Y6 school journey to Adventure International in Bude would not be possible during the May half term break. Happily, Adventure International were able to refund all of the money. This has certainly not been the case in a significant number of other schools who were using other providers.

During the Easter holidays the DfE updated it's guidance to schools and providers regarding day and residential visits for schools. They have indicated that from the 17th May these could resume but have made it clear that this is subject to change and is dependent on the step 3 national relaxation of restrictions going ahead. These visits wont go ahead if step 3 is delayed due to the Covid-19 infection data.

I have been in communication with Mr McManus who owns Adventure International who, due to the uncertainty of the situation around dates and the increased limitations on numbers imposed by Covid-19 restrictions, has now made the difficult decision not to reopen this academic year to schools. This decision was made after considering the significant financial outlay on staffing, contractual arrangements, safety inspections and insurances that would all be needed without any certainty of schools being able to visit.

As you know, HJS did all we could to ensure that this visit went ahead but we have now made the decision, alongside many local schools, to book exciting day trips for the year 6 children to make their last few weeks at HJS memorable.

However, we are aware that the year 6 children are disappointed that their school journey will not happen and so we have booked a visit to Walton Firs in Cobham <https://waltonfirs.co.uk/> which will include an overnight stay in the camping pods. We are still organising the full details of this visit and will be writing to you when we have finalised the programme of activities and the cost of this visit. This overnight stay will take place on Monday 19th July and the children will return the next day.

The year 6 team will be writing to you in the coming weeks regarding the full details of these events and I'm sure the children will enjoy all that is planned for them before they leave us.

Yours sincerely

Helen Lockey
Executive Head Teacher

