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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Residential

We have thought long and hard about the Year 6 residential this year and very sadly, along with the other schools in The Trust, we have decided not to go ahead with our booking.

We have no idea when the current restrictions will be lifted, whether or not we would be able to go ahead with the trip, or what measures would need to be in place to make it safe.

Last year PGL (our usual provider) refused to refund any of the money parents had paid, even though no residential trips were allowed to go ahead. Because of this we had decided not to use PGL again anyway, but I could not, in good conscience, ask you to pay a non-refundable deposit knowing that we may have to cancel the trip.

Instead of the residential trip, the Year 6 team will put together a programme of fun, adventurous activities for the summer term, hopefully including some local day trips. So, your children should still have a great experience to celebrate the end of their time at primary school. If you or your children have any ideas for COVID-19 safe activities and trips we could do with Year 6, please let the class teachers know.

We know that you and your children will be upset and disappointed, we are certainly disappointed ourselves. But we feel this is the right decision, in the current circumstances.

Thank you for your support and understanding,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Fairbairn', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Guy Fairbairn
Headteacher