



11th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 France Trip - Cancelled

After very careful consideration, we are very sad to have to inform you of our decision to cancel our Year 8 trip to France that was due to take place 10th-15th July 2020 due to concerns over the safety of our children and staff.

The staff at St James' and the local authority have been closely and continuously monitoring the COVID19 situation as it has developed both globally and in the UK. We believe it is our responsibility to act now. The safety of all our children and staff must take priority.

Having taken into account advice from The World Health Organisation, Public Health England, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and following consultation with the local authority, it became clear that cancelling the trip was the most realistic and safest solution for all.

This is not a decision we have come to lightly. Our decision making has been informed by detailed risk assessment, the cancellation of international travel, advice from the local authority and government.

We understand that this decision will inconvenience many of you, and that you will have practical and logistical questions you will want us to answer. We ask for your understanding here; our staff will now have a great deal of work to do in conjunction with the local authority and our insurance providers following this decision.

We will look to reimburse you when the school has received any refunds from the insurance company. I must stress the school will do its best to recover all monies paid however this may not be possible and this will take time.

Further information regarding refunds will be sent as we are updated by our insurance company.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher