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Dear Year 6 Parents

### **RE: London Residential – 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**

In light of the recent terror attacks in Manchester and most recently in London, the Governors and I reviewed the situation on Monday evening taking into account the guidance from the Local Authority and Police, the level of risk and the viability of the trip. It is completely understandable that at present there is anxiety about any visit to the capital but I would hope that the assurances we are able to give you will reduce the anxiety you may be currently feeling.

As a long established residential, the itinerary for the visit and all associated risk assessments are current. Very recent pre-visits have also been undertaken by our visit lead, taking full account of all the recommendations that have come from the Local Authority and the Police following the recent attacks. All members of staff accompanying the children are very experienced adults, five of the six have undertaken this particular visit on previous occasions and are well versed in all aspects of the itinerary and all possible scenarios. All advice that has been received since the Manchester attack has been acted upon. Currently, the advice from the Police and Local Authority is that with the threat level remaining at 'Severe' there is no change to the advice previously sent. The Police are not aware of any further intelligence relating to school visits to London, and advise that schools should use basic, common sense regarding personal security i.e. there is no reason from a risk perspective to cancel school trips to London.

Based on all of the advice that has been received and the robust plans that have been put in place to ensure the safety of the children and staff taking part in the visit the Governing Body are of the opinion that the visit should go ahead as planned. Of course we will be monitoring the situation prior to our departure and will continue to assess the levels of risk throughout the trip. As an additional level of checking, we have a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the Local authority to go through, in detail, all of the planning and risk assessments.

Unfortunately, at this late stage, invoices for accommodation and activities have been paid, therefore, we are unable to refund payments made by parents should they withdraw their child from the trip.

I hope that you will feel reassured with this communication and as always we are very much looking forward to enjoying the time away with your children and hope they will enjoy many special and memorable experiences.

Kind regards,

Miss A Williams  
(Interim Headteacher)

