

ABBAY ACADEMIES TRUST
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

7th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT – MARCH 2021

Many of you will be aware that it is our usual practice to take our Year 4 children away in March for their first school residential visit; the children and staff always love our two nights at PGL at Caythorpe Court.

Although it is only October, we are at the point where we have had to consider if those visits are going to be possible next year as deposits are due to be paid. It is important that you know that in all of our considerations we have been very mindful of the current restrictions which Mr Johnson indicates are likely to last for another 6 months. At present Government and DfE guidance is that schools should not take children on overnight visits. This is in addition to the current restricted travel, increased PPE wear publicly and social distancing in place. Added to this the increased pressure on family finances means that the ability of some and increasingly more in our wider school bubble to be able to afford some residential trips is limited.

Having considered all of the above and taking account the welfare of children and staff, risk and social value (inclusivity), we have taken the sad decision to cancel our visits planned for March 2021.

We know that the children will be disappointed and the staff have discussed our decision with them today.

We are sure that you will understand and support our decision in the circumstances but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Moore
Executive Headteacher