



13 March 2020

### **Normandy / Paris trip 2020**

Dear parents

As you are no doubt aware the situation in France has become more serious. The number of confirmed cases of covid 19 is rising steeply on a daily basis and it is expected that the situation in France will be similar to that in Italy by the end of next week.

We have been monitoring the situation closely and of utmost importance is, and always has been, the safety of the pupils. We feel that the risk of a pupil becoming ill in France or of severe disruption in the event of a lockdown situation is now unacceptably high. As a result, please be reassured that it is not our intention to travel to France on the 21 March.

The Prime Minister addressed the situation with school trips yesterday, however his carefully chosen wording states that he “advises against school trips travelling abroad”. As he has not at this stage banned school trips, if we were to cancel the trip at the moment, it would be considered to be our choice and we would not therefore be entitled to a refund. We will therefore not be officially cancelling at this stage. We continue to communicate with the travel company in the hope of finding some resolution.

We are aware that this situation is far from ideal, the pupils will be very disappointed not to travel having looked forward to it for so long but we feel that there is no other choice available to us.

Please be assured that we are doing our best to secure a refund and I will be in touch as soon as I have any further information.

Thank you,  
Joanne Wilson