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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y3 Residential Trip Update

Further to my email yesterday evening, I am writing about changes to the Y3 Residential Trips for 3S and 3L that are due to take place this week.

Decisions have been based on Miss Swann, Mrs Smith and Mr Loughlin's assessment after their visit to London this morning and also on advice from the Head of Strategic Risk at Surrey County Council, Paul Bowen. Following an emergency planning meeting this morning between Surrey County Council and other agencies including the police the message issued was that 'there is nothing from the authorities advising against visits to London or any other major city.' Paul Bowen also informed me that although no one can predict events, there will be additional security in London on Thursday when people are voting.

Some changes to the trip itinerary have had to happen, due to the fact that the Golden Hinde is within the restricted zone and is cordoned off so no one can access it. The police have advised that they expect the cordon to be reduced but cannot say when. As a result we will not be staying on the Golden Hinde this week but have come up with an alternative plan with the children's best interests at heart. We have therefore arranged for the children to still visit the Tower of London and then have a sleepover at Walton Firs in Cobham. The coach will drop us directly by the pedestrian Tower group entrance and we will be also be picked up from there and driven to Walton Firs which is used by local Cub/Scout and Brownie/Guide groups for overnight stays. Children will be sleeping in bunk beds in dormitories so will now not need a roll mat but will still need a sleeping bag and pillow. <https://waltonfirs.co.uk/>. Mr Loughlin and Mrs Smith have been to visit Walton First this afternoon to plan the evening's activities.

The message we will be giving to the children is that due to unforeseen circumstances the Golden Hinde is closed. Therefore, we have come up with a Plan B so that we can all still have a sleepover.

The morning after each trip and sleepover you are welcome to collect your child in person at 10.30am from Walton Firs and then take them home and we would encourage parents to share lifts where possible. If you cannot collect your child and wish for them to stay at school for the rest of the day, Glyn have kindly lent us their minibuses to bring the children back to Stamford Green, with Mrs Dray utilising her minibus licence.

Please email your child's class teacher, by 9pm tonight, with one of the following statements copied and pasted into the email so they can plan accordingly.

- My child will be going on the trip and will be collected from Walton Firs at 10.30am by _____
- My child will be going on the trip and please bring him back to school in the minibus. Lunch arrangements and collection at the end of the school day remain the same as indicated on the form previously sent in.
- I do not want my child to take part in the trip. NB: Children should still come to school as normal and they will be assigned a class to learn with.

Unfortunately, we are unable to split the trip into parts so children attending must participate in the whole event and as the trip is going ahead no refunds will be available.

I cannot thank all the staff involved enough for visiting London, sourcing beds, minibuses, coaches, food etc. at such short notice. The hard work to make this happen and be a positive experience for the children should not be underestimated.

I will be on the East Gate first thing tomorrow should you have any further questions so please come and chat to me.

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