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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to provide information to those Year 9 parents/guardians whose daughters had planned to travel to Paris in May. Due to the current COVID 19 crisis and the unfolding consequences for worldwide travel, the trip to Paris, planned for Tuesday 19th May 2020, will not be taking place. This is disappointing for everyone involved but is completely out of our control.

Mrs Haddad is in regular contact with the school Tour Operator, USIT, and, as you can imagine, they are under tremendous pressure regarding school trips that are due to leave in the coming weeks and months.

As regards cancellation, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and/or Department of Foreign Affairs must advise against travel to the country in order for the option of refunds to be made available.

Based on the health and safety of all our pupils and staff who were planning to travel, the trip will not be going ahead. **However, I will not be formally cancelling the trip with the Tour Operator at present to try and ensure we get a full or partial refund however nothing is guaranteed.**

I will update you all on any further developments, as and when we receive information, but please be patient as this may take some time.

In these very challenging and worrying times for all our pupils, staff and families, I hope that you appreciate that this decision is based on the health and safety of all.

Can I emphasise again to please be patient and allow us time to work with the Tour Operator to try and ensure partial or full refunds. This is not guaranteed but we try our utmost. If we do manage to retrieve refunds it will probably be a lengthy process and may be some time before you receive it.

Yours faithfully

Miss Denise Crawley

Principal



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