



Hoyland Springwood Primary School

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Dear Y6 Parent and Carers,

YHA Y6 Residential

As you are all aware, the booking of the Year 6 residential this year was made when there were no restrictions on school trips or residential taking part. Since then, circumstances have changed with another national lockdown and currently, the DfE has stated that no educational trips should be taking place. An update from the Department for Education regarding the possibility of educational groups being able to stay away is being announced from 17th May 2021 but we are due to go only 2 weeks later on 9th – 11th June.

Regrettably, we have decided to cancel the school residential. This is due to a number of factors:

- uncertainty around if the trip can even take place at all;
- anxieties about going away during this time;
- other schools will be using the same facilities at the same time as our school;
- we don't know what the risk assessment will be for the activities and resources so the choices and opportunities for the children may be limited.

Ultimately, we are not willing to risk the children and staff health and safety on an unknown. All money paid will of course be refunded.

This does not mean that end of school events will not take place as we will look to book exciting events with the children for July, allowing a little longer for more restrictions to ease. Of course, we will have to work within the restrictions at the time but we will also work with the children about what they would love to do to ensure that as much fun as possible is had by all.

We apologise profusely as we know for children and families this will be a disappointment, it is for us also, as it was something we were all looking forward to. We hope you understand why we have taken this decision and that it hasn't been taken lightly. But based on the position put on the school using the information we have and the fact that currently we are still in national lockdown with a roadmap of dates that may or may not happen, we do not feel we have any other choice.

Kind regards,

J. Hunt R. Parker

Mrs Jennifer Hunt and Mrs Rachel Parker