

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

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Dear Families,

Covid – Residential Trips

Recently we took advice from Leeds City Council around the possibility of residential overnight trips taking place this year. As a school we have always prided ourselves on taking the children away in Years 4, 5 and 6. Understandably, the recommendation is not to consider residential trips at this time.

Sadly, given the pandemic and all the risks associated with covid, we will not be going ahead with the planned residential trips to Lineham Farm, Boggle Hole and Kingswood for the following reasons:

- The risk of transmission on a school trip which includes an overnight stay away from the place of normal residence, is seen to be greater than the risks associated with a day trip. This is due to children, young people and adults from different families and households mixing and sharing facilities. The risk is reduced if the groups remain separate, but it is still seen to be greater than that associated with non-residential trips.
- Separately, we know that where local outbreaks occur, areas can be shut down at short notice. Should pupils be visiting such an area when that happens, this may result in them having difficulties leaving the residential setting.
- Residential domestic school trips are therefore not recommended at this time, as the risks of transmission on a residential school trip are seen to be greater than the potential benefits to children and young people.

We know this is upsetting for the children (and staff) and we ask for your understanding as to why we have made this decision.

Refunds

For parents in Years 5 and 6 who are now owed refunds, please contact the school office and we will arrange to return this to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding at this time.

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