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## **Dear Parents**

I would like to give you an update on the residential trips booked for this summer. As you can imagine it has been a time-consuming process, we can't cancel as this would be a disinclination to travel and we would lose the money currently paid.

Please see below the situation as it currently stands with our trips:

<u>Morocco Years 10-12</u> – We have not cancelled this trip, but the owner is of the view that Morocco will not have opened the borders. He will organise the refunds for us when he can do so without cancelling. He thinks this may take some months as he is still getting airline refunds from trips cancelled in February. Refunds will be paid automatically to parents when received by the school.

<u>Valencia Year 10 Spanish trip</u> — We have agreed to transfer the money paid to other trips with NST as we would need to wait until October — November for the refund to be processed. Refunds will be paid automatically to parents.

<u>JCA Adventure – Year 9</u> – We have transferred the booking to 2021 for the new intake of Year 7. Refunds will be paid automatically to parents.

**PGL Liddington Year 8** – This trip will go ahead 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We will automatically refund any pupils who are leaving this summer.

<u>Stubbers – Year 7 Stubbers</u> - This trip will go ahead 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We will automatically refund any pupils who are leaving this summer.

<u>Ventures BMX – Years 7/8</u> – This trip will go ahead 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We will automatically refund any pupils who are leaving this summer.

<u>PGL France Years 7/8/9</u> – This trip will go ahead 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Students in Year 9 and those leaving this summer will not be able to go, so will be refunded.

<u>Isle of Wight – Year 6</u> – We have requested the booking be moved to 2021 for current Year 5s. Once this is confirmed we will refund Year 6 parents automatically.

<u>Cornwall – Various Years</u> – This trip is cancelled. Refunds will be paid automatically to parents.

<u>Day Trips</u> – As you can imagine there are a lot of these. We are postponing where possible and refunds will be issued automatically to parents for those trips cancelled. Please bear with us.

Please email <u>Wisepay@gatton-park.org.uk</u> by the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, if you would like us to transfer the refund(s) to off-set your fees. Refunds can only be returned where school fees are fully up to date. Refunds will be done strictly on a trip by trip basis. We hope to have all refunds issued by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Please do email me if you have any queries at <a href="mailto:annevaughan@gatton-park.org.uk">annevaughan@gatton-park.org.uk</a>.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your patience up to this point and while waiting for refunds to be processed.

Yours sincerely

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