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Dear Parents,

Year 5 Trip to Paris 2013

It is with regret that I must inform you that our proposed Year 5 trip to Paris for next year has been cancelled.

The Governors have set a minimum number of children needed to make individual trips viable, which in this instance was 45 children. However, we have only had deposits paid for 24 places, so in view of this we are unable to continue with the trip. We had hoped that moving the trip to Paris would have enabled us to increase the number of children participating.

As you are aware, the Governors and I have reviewed the residential trips provision at Queen Eleanor's to make them more affordable whilst still providing the children with a valuable educational experience. The Year 5 trip to France in 2011 was significantly undersubscribed and as a result incurred a financial loss that the school funded. This year's planned trip to Paris was shorter than the trip offered last year and therefore was significantly cheaper, the cost had reduced by approximately £150.

We shall consider the possibility of increasing the number of day trips Year 5 will undertake during their topic next term but are unable, at this late stage, to offer an alternative residential.

We acknowledge that this may cause disappointment and deposits received will be refunded. If you paid by ParentPay, your money will be refunded via ParentPay. If you paid by cheque, you will receive your cheque in a named envelope via your child today. If you paid by cash, please come to the office to collect your money. Please note that we cannot give the cash refund to a child.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Roger Blackburn
Headteacher