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Dear Parents,

### **Residential Trip to France in 2013 for Current Year 4 Children**

As you are aware, we re-advertised this trip in the hope of getting a better take-up, however it is with regret that I must inform you that we were not successful. So, sadly, we have no choice but to cancel it.

The Governors have set a minimum number of children needed to make individual trips viable, which in this instance was 45 children. 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 which we had hoped would make it more affordable.

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

We acknowledge that this may cause disappointment and can only apologise again.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Roger Blackburn  
Headteacher