

## Thursday 05 October 2023

## Year 7 Residential

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope my letter finds you all well.

I am writing to let you know that I have taken the difficult decision to post-pone the Year 7 residential planned for 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

I haven't taken the decision lightly and have given the matter considerable thought.

I believe that postponing the visit will enable staff and pupil's relationships to further strengthen and staff who are supporting the pupils to enhance their knowledge of the pupil's and their needs.

This will enable the pupils to have the best possible experience and be supported by staff who they know exceptionally well.

In addition, our current levels of staffing are rather unstable, and with the winter months ahead of us and in anticipation of further absences I am concerned that I will not be able to provide the safe levels of staffing and wouldn't want to be in the position where I need to cancel the visit at the last minute.

I would much rather post-pone now and give the pupils and staff time to further build relationships and ensure there are robust plans in place to ensure the visit can go ahead and is enjoyed by all.

The new date will be Monday 4th March – Friday 08th March 2024.

If you any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Kindest regards,

Mr Kieran Welsh

Headteacher

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