

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – Year 4 PGL trip

After speaking with PGL this morning, we remain reassured to continue with our PGL trip as planned for the benefit of our children. There have been no confirmed cases of coronavirus at any of the PGL sites.

They have put additional procedures into place, such as more frequent cleaning throughout the days and wiping surfaces more regularly. They are also stopping the use of water fountains, therefore taking a reusable water bottle will be essential so we can refill our bottles from the machines during breakfast, lunch and dinner times. They have also updated the management of their queues, thus limiting the amount of people queueing in one area at the same time.

They have updated their risk assessment and I have attached it for you to see, although it is also available on their website. They have increased the amount of hand sanitisers available and are displaying additional signage relating to good hygiene. They have also kept rooms available to be used for self-isolation, if needed. All staff are continually receiving training in line with the government guidance and NHS advice. We are using a PGL coach and they are regularly disinfecting them.

The one change which affects our timetable is that they are stopping the disco, as this is a mixed group activity. Therefore, we will be allocated a new activity for our Thursday night, which will be just for St Andrew's children.

Tomorrow we will have a brief meeting for parents to go through this new risk assessment and to discuss any final queries you may have. In the morning at 9 o'clock, the children will go to the porta cabin with their luggage, as previously planned, and we will meet with parents in the Year 4 classroom for this briefing, before we leave at 9:30 to head to PGL, Marchants Hill. We will take all children's temperatures before we leave, to make sure that all children are well enough to travel.

Please rest assured that we have taken this decision to continue with our PGL trip, as it is still safe for us to do so. This is in line with guidance from the DFE (Department For Education) as well as advice from Public Health England.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jackson