

6 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Geography trip to the Bay of Naples

Although the Government are starting to allow overseas travel, the guidance issued last week for returning to school in September does not allow us to have overnight trips. Unfortunately, this makes planning for October difficult as we are currently unable to cancel and claim the deposits back from our insurance company because they would expect us to wait until much nearer the time to see if we are able to travel. This would however mean the balance needs to be paid now and we understand families' reluctance to do so given the uncertainty. The tour operator has also indicated that travelling in October would now incur a £30 surcharge due to changing flight timetables as a result of COVID-19.

Having carefully considered the situation and discussed possible options with the tour operator the school has decided the best option would be to postpone the trip to 13 - 17 April, by which time the travel ban for schools will hopefully have been lifted. The tour operator has agreed to this postponement for no extra charge with the balance payable on **January 15 2021**. Therefore, we hope families will agree to this change.

If you no longer wish you son or daughter to attend on the revised dates, we will refund you the deposit, however, there is a cost to the school in doing so as we are not able to claim the full amount back from the tour operator. We also need a minimum number of students to agree to the change in order to make the trip viable without additional cost. If the whole trip has to be cancelled the loss to the school would be in the region of £3,500. Therefore, we hope we can avoid this by getting your agreement to move the trip to the new date.

Thank you for those of you that responded to my last letter. However, if I could ask all of you to respond again to my email J.Thomas@allsaintslearning.co.uk by **Friday 10 July** outlining how you now wish to proceed in light of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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