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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Danbury Residential Update

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, I can confirm that at this time we still intend to proceed with the Year 6 residential to Danbury. As the restrictions have not lifted as we had hoped, we are now required to work within existing tighter guidelines.

In line with the DfE guidance for Educational Visits which can be found [here](#), we are required to limit pupils to bubbles of 30 for the duration of the trip. This is to minimise close contacts should an individual become symptomatic or a positive case occur. We acknowledge that when in school the children are a year group bubble of 60 however, the educational visit guidance under which this trip falls, specifies groups can be no larger than 30. Therefore, the children will remain in their class groups rather than being able to mix as a year group. This includes during free - time. Their day and night groups will be formed within classes. We know the children will be disappointed by this (as are we) but it is the only way to ensure the trip can go ahead.

I am also required to share with you, and obtain your consent to, the school's Covid procedure for educational visits which is below:

### **In the event of a pupil/group of pupils or staff member becoming symptomatic/testing positive whilst on the trip:**

- The individual/s will be required to isolate immediately. A suitable isolation area will be made available by Essex Outdoors, Danbury. Any child/children required to isolate will be appropriately supervised by a member of school staff. Your child's needs (medical, hygiene and food/drink) will continue to be met during this time but they will not be able to participate in Danbury led activities.
- Close contacts of the individual will also be identified and they too must isolate immediately as above.
- School will be notified and Mrs Hart will contact affected families. Please be aware, this could be any time day or night.



- A member of the affected individual's household will be required to collect their child from Danbury as soon as possible. This must be in a private vehicle as public transport cannot be used in this circumstance. The child will remain in isolation until they are collected.
- In the event of multiple pupils or a whole class of pupils needing collection, car sharing will not be permitted.
- In the event of a staff member being required to isolate/return home, another member of school staff will join the trip to ensure ratios are maintained.
- In the event of a large number of pupils and/or staff required to isolate, it may be necessary to end the trip early. In this case, collection procedures will be shared with families via email and text.
- If an individual within your household becomes symptomatic or receives a positive test result within 48 hours of the last contact with your child, please let myself know (07729086539) immediately. This includes out of hours. We will then be required to follow the applicable parts of the above procedure.

The above procedure applies throughout the whole duration of the trip, even if a pupil/staff member becomes symptomatic shortly before our departure back to Benhurst.

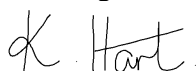
Once you have read the above procedure carefully, please indicate your consent by completing the following Google Form **today**. <https://forms.gle/HjRCfXt2oUSAZVBP6> I apologise for the quick turnaround however, we must receive consent before the risk assessment can be approved by Havering.

#### Some other Covid Points to note:

- Children are not permitted to sing or shout on the coach! (reminders for this will be given)
- The coach/es will be well ventilated
- Staff will wear face coverings on the coach and as required throughout the trip.
- Staff will continue to test themselves (Lateral flow) whilst at Danbury and the night before the trip.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the above and thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Kind regards,



Katherine Hart