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Dear Parents / Carers

Mersea 2021

I am writing to inform you that we have taken the decision to cancel the Mersea trip for this year.

In light of the fact that we are still in a pandemic and that if anyone was to be ill whilst away we would all have to return. Mersea don't know what their operating procedures would be if they were allowed to open. So, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the trip.

Currently the government guidance for school trips means that we are not able to run day trips or residentials. This guidance may well change before we are due to go to Mersea, but there is no way of knowing this.

All monies paid will be returned.

We are hopeful that we will be able to run day trips as a school once restrictions ease. With this in mind we have been able to book a day trip to Essex Outdoors Danbury on Tuesday 13th July for the whole of Year 6. This will mean that children at least get to experience a little of what they would have done at Mersea.

The final details will be sent out nearer the time, but the day at Danbury will run from 9:30am until 4:30pm and the cost will be £49. This does not include the cost of the coach, which the school will pay for. If you have already paid for the residential then we will use some of the money from this before returning the rest. If your child was not going to Mersea, then the payment can be made via ParentPay in the next few weeks.

We also have a number of other exciting things planned for Year 6 in the last few weeks of term. Watch this space.

Mr S Bowsher Headteacher

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