



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

9th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Swattenden Residential Trip

I am writing to inform you that we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the residential trip to Swattenden Centre for our current year 5 children, which was due to take place in September. Over the past few months we have been in regular contact with the centre, who have themselves been uncertain whether they could meet their commitment to us due to the current situation with regards to Covid-19. However, guidance given by the government last week clearly stated, 'We continue to advise against domestic overnight and overseas educational visits at this stage'.

I appreciate that this will be very disappointing for the families involved and I too am disappointed as I feel that this sort of opportunity brings so much to a pupil's education that is impossible to replicate at school. However, I will work closely with my year 6 team to provide some special activities later on in their final year, when things have returned closer to 'normal', that we hope will go some way to make their final year at Garlinge particularly special.

Full refunds will be made prior to the end of term and we will be in contact with you as soon as possible regarding this.

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this difficult decision.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J. Williams'.

James Williams
Headteacher