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RE: Senior France Trip

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

With great regret, we have had to take the decision to cancel the forthcoming trip to France in light of the ongoing Covid-19 (Coronavirus) situation both at home and in France.

Following lengthy consultations with our tour operator GTI, as well as with sister schools with similar trips planned and having engaged with guidance from the HSE, DES and DFA we have come to the conclusion that travelling on the trip would present an unacceptable risk to the health and safety, not only of our students and our staff travelling on the trip, but to the school community as a whole.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been working with GTI on ensuring that as much of the fee you have already paid as possible can be refunded. We are grateful for GTI's efforts in this respect as there are a number of vendors involved. As the situation is still evolving rapidly, we will know more about how much of the fee paid will be refunded in the coming days.

We will be in touch with you again once we have certainty over the situation in relation to the refund of the fees paid, and we are continuing to liaise with GTI on a daily basis in this respect.

Once again, we very much regret that we have had to make this decision, but we felt there was no other option in the circumstances given that the health and safety of our students and staff must be our first priority.

We have not yet shared this information with the students, although you should feel free to do so. We will forward a copy of this letter to their school email address.

Yours faithfully,

Seamus Meehan
Principal

Colm Connolly
Deputy Principal

Donna Kelly
Deputy Principal

John Mc Carthy
Deputy Principal