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Dear Parents

I am writing to you in light of recent events in France. I understand that some of you may have increased concerns regarding next year's trip and wish to reassure you that we will only travel if it is deemed safe to do so by the Foreign Office at the time.

At this stage it is far too early for us to make a decision regarding the potential situation in a foreign country in a full year from now. Therefore, we are working on the assumption that the trip will go ahead as planned.

I am aware that some parents may be considering withdrawing their children from the trip. Obviously, it is entirely your decision whether you choose to send your child on this trip or not, but I would hope that you would feel able to come in and discuss your concerns with me before making a decision.

I do understand that allowing your child to take part in any School Trip can be a difficult decision, made much harder in this case given that it involves foreign travel at this time of unrest. Please be assured that I have no intention of putting either children or staff at risk for the sake of a School Trip and will cancel at any stage, if the official advice is to do so. I would like to remind you that I will be accompanying this trip myself and am obviously fully aware of my responsibilities, both to your children and to my own, and I will not be taking any unnecessary risks.

We will be remaining in the north of France, close to the Hardelot centre. We do not visit any major cities during the trip – the largest town we visit is Boulogne, where we will walk around the town walls.

We are staying in the Kent County Council owned Hardelot Centre. You can see pictures of the Centre on the KCC website <http://thehardelotcentre.co.uk/>. The site can only accommodate one school at a time due to its size.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch

We promote the learning and development of all children to achieve their full potential in a caring, happy, Christian environment.