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Dear Year 5 Parents

I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe.

Thank you to those parents that responded to the survey regarding the proposed change of date to the Year 5 PGL Residential. I can confirm that the majority of parents were in favour of the change and many made some lovely positive comments.

The rationale behind the change was that we wanted the children to have the special and memorable experience that a Year 6 residential gives them. We cannot guarantee that this would have been the case in the autumn but hope that summer 2021 will bring a more enjoyable experience.

In addition, we worked quickly with PGL to explore the options available to us. If we had waited, we potentially may have had no choice but to have gone in autumn and no ability to be able to get refunds if parents/children decided not to go. We did give PGL a range of dates and their available dates were either Monday 12th July or Monday 19th July. We felt Monday 12th July 2021 was the best as we are able to set the calendar and can ensure that the children and parents do not miss out on the end of primary school events. It is worth noting that we do not get secondary transition dates through until later in the academic year and we will work with secondary schools if the week does clash with transition weeks.

The change in date does allow us to extend the payment dates. The school has already made two interim non-refundable payments to PGL and will confirm with individual parents the remaining balances owed with the final payment now being set as the end of November. Please do not hesitate to contact us if parents need this extending further.

I do feel confident that the children will have a much better time with it being changed to the end of the year and hope you agree.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher

