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Re: Proposed Residential Visit to Gulliver's Land

Dear Parent/Guardian

Unfortunately the planned Year 4 residential visit to Gulliver's Land, Milton Keynes will not be going ahead due to not enough interest being expressed by the deadline set. If we were to book the trip and then cancel, the school would have been liable for a £500 non-refundable deposit; hence we had to set a deadline.

I appreciate that this will be disappointing for those children that did want to go but as a school we do have to consider a whole range of factors before deciding if a residential can actually go ahead. We have to take into consideration:

- The increased cost per child for those wanting to go on the trip should the number of attendees fall (the cost per child would have gone up to cover the coach because the total would have to be shared amongst fewer children);
- The number of staff going on the trip to ensure safe levels of supervision (the trip would have taken four adults away from school when less than one class were attending);
- The cost of teaching those children left behind (which cannot be passed onto parents) because the classes are at capacity already and cannot accommodate extra children, even for a week.

I would like to thank those parents that did reply to the original letter by the deadline set and also Mrs Colton who spent her own time planning the residential in the first place.

We will be looking at the potential of a day trip for the children later in the year – possibly to Gulliver's Land – to try and make it up to them.

Yours sincerely

(Tony Cox)

