

# WOOTTON ACADEMY TRUST

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Wednesday 22nd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Disneyland Paris trips departing 12/07/2020 and 15/07/2020**

After much consideration the Trust has decided to cancel the Year 10 trip to Disneyland Paris in July. This has not been an easy decision to make as we know how much the pupils have been looking forward to this big event of the year. The safety of your children is paramount to the Trust and under the current circumstances, should the Disneyland Paris park re-open in the coming months (it is currently closed), we cannot see how we can confidently mitigate the health and safety risks the two trips could be facing.

Due to the cancellation clauses in our contract with the tour operator, by making this decision now we can refund all monies paid by parents, less the initial deposit of £75 per pupil, immediately. A future refund will be made once we have recovered the deposit from the insurers.

The majority of parents and carers have made trip payments via WisePay. All such payments will be refunded (less £75 pp) by Tuesday 28th April.

For those parents that have made trip payments by cash or cheques the Finance office will email you directly with a repayment form that will need to be completed and returned to [accounts@wootton.beds.sch.uk](mailto:accounts@wootton.beds.sch.uk) so that these reimbursements (less £75 pp) can also be processed. If you receive a repayment form you need to return it to the above email address by Tuesday 5th May to ensure your refund is included on the earliest payment run.

We are liaising with our insurers to get the initial deposit refunded as quickly as possible however, given the financial uncertainty many families are facing, we are particularly keen to return as much of your money to you over the next two weeks.

Mr Stewart has asked me to convey his own disappointment to pupils that these trips have been cancelled; it is the first time this has ever happened. This reflects the severity of the concerns the Trust had about running the trips and also the delays that parents might have faced in receiving refunds if a decision was not made now.

Yours sincerely



Michael Gleeson  
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