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Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

London Residential Trip

Following the sad announcement that Queen Elizbeth II died last night we have understandably had lots of queries regarding whether our planned residential to London will go ahead.

The issues we identified from our updated risk assessment are:

- 1) Potential for route closure; this could affect our Landmarks coach tour
- 2) Potential closure of attractions we intend to visit
- 3) An influx of visitors in London to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II

Our updated assessment has concluded:

- 1) The coach company have reassured us the landmark tour can go ahead and they would be able to amend the route if there are significant road closures.
- 2) All of the accommodation, transport providers and major attractions* have confirmed they will remain operational except for St Pauls Cathedral who are closed today and not answering calls or e-mails. If St Pauls is closed we will explore the outside of the building instead and spend longer looking at the amazing works of art in the Tate Modern.
- 3) We have a very good adult to child ratio of 1:5. Children will be wearing brightly coloured hats so they will be easy to see. We do not foresee the parts of London we are visiting to be overly busy. Buckingham Palace, where most people appear to be gathering is over 3 miles away from where we are.

*London Eye, River Boat Cruise, Tower Bridge, Tower of London, Tate Modern

I have had a meeting with our Educational Visits Co-Ordinator, Mrs Allerston (trip leader) and our Chair of Governors to review our risk assessments and **have concluded that we are able** to go ahead with the residential visit.

I have probably given you more detail than you needed in this letter but wanted you to be reassured that we have not taken this decision lightly as the safety of your child is paramount.

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If anything changes over the weekend we will contact you via Wisepay so please keep an eye on your e-mails. We will also communicate changes via our Twitter account @northwoldsfed

I hope your child is looking forward to this amazing visit.

If you have any queries or concerns today, or over the weekend, please don't hesitate to contact me <u>andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk</u>

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith Executive Headteacher

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