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17th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Update on Activity Day Trips and attendance at school on 18th and 19th July 2022

Having further refined our risk assessments this morning we have made the following changes:

School will finish for students on site at 12 noon each day. Any students who are eligible for a Free School Meal will be given a packed lunch at break time. Year 9 will be expected in school on Monday and Wednesday morning only. Students should be wearing PE kit and their lanyards each day and bring a refillable water bottle to school.

The planned activity day trips on Monday 18th July to Hever Castle (Year 7) and Howletts Zoo (Year 8) will still go ahead. Students will return to school between 2 and 3pm.

I have decided to Postpone the trip on Tuesday 19th July to Thorpe Park (Year 9) There will be no loss of money for parents for this trip - it is just being rescheduled. This will run in September and we will be letting you know exact details on our return after the summer break. On Tuesday, all year 9 students will be set work via google classroom, including a Climate Change workshop at the start of the day, as they will be working from home. They will be given resources on Monday to support their learning on Tuesday when not at school.

If your daughter is in Year 7 or Year 8 and you do not want her to go on either trip, they will still be able to attend school instead where alternative enrichment activities are available. Unfortunately, as I have already said - due to the invoices already being paid, we are unable to offer refunds for these. Activities in school will be in air-conditioned rooms and every hour we will give students the chance to refill water bottles and take a break. Please email the office and let us know of any change of plans you wish to make. Office@dstc.kent.sch.uk.

If you believe that your daughter will not be able to cope with the heat either on the trip or coming to school, then we will authorise any absence due to these exceptional circumstances. Again we need to know this is an official absence with your knowledge and agreement. Please email Office@dstc.kent.sch.uk

Sports Day will not run as normal this year and we will be organising House Challenges that morning instead - a section of the time may involve some physical activity inside the Sports Hall depending on weather and energy levels.

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I apologise for the changes at short notice but I hope you are reassured that our risk assessments are dynamic and do/will change as we get more up to date information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne Davis'.

Mrs Anne Davis
Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS for those going on trips

For all trips, students will need to bring the following:

- **A refillable water bottle**
- **Sun hat/baseball cap**
- **Sun cream - please apply before they come to school and ensure they know how and when to apply it themselves**
- **Any medication, including travel sickness tablets**
- A packed lunch (unless FSM)
- Sensible shoes
- Optional money for gifts/ice cream



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