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Mr Gary Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents,

Re: Year 4 School Journey, Summer 2018.

As you may have heard, Cuffley Camp, the venue for our Y4 trip for a number of years, is closing in March. This means that we will not now be able to take up the provisional booking that we had made for the Summer.

We have been considering various alternatives and are now proposing to take the children to Woodrow High House near Amersham. I have visited the site with Mrs Reeve, and we believe the venue ticks lots of boxes in terms of what we want the children to get out of the trip.

However, there are two significant differences that I want to make you aware of. One is cost. Cuffley has generally worked out at around £120 per child, but we expect this trip to be in the region of £165 a head; the main reasons for this difference are the greater range of facilities and the fact that accommodation is indoors rather than under canvas. As always, it is possible we may be able to provide some assistance with cost if this is a problem for you.

Another issue is that we will not be able to travel as a whole year group; in the future we potentially would be able to book for a whole year group, but as this is rather last minute, they only have enough capacity to accommodate us in two groups. Group 1 would be there between Mon 2nd July and Weds 4th July. Group 2 would be there between Mon 9th July and Weds 11th July. We have not yet decided whether to split the groups on gender or class lines. If take up is small, it is possible we could just use one of the slots and go as one group. Any children who do not attend the trip for any reason will of course be accommodated in school at these times.

These dates are currently being 'held' for us by Woodrow but we need to make a quick decision as they will need a deposit fairly soon if we intend to take up one or both of the dates. Can I therefore ask that you consider this matter urgently and email admin by Friday February 2nd with either a 'yes' or 'no' in principle to your child taking part in this visit. We can then plan accordingly. If we receive no reply from you, we will assume it is a 'no.'

Further details about the venue can be found at www.londonyouth.org/residential-centres/woodrow-high-house/

Yours sincerely

Jon Hall

Deputy Head/ Y4 teacher

