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Dear Parent/Carer

At Rodillian Multi Academy Trust, we have always made resilience – and the idea of resilience – the cornerstone of our teaching. We want students to be able to be reflective, able to adapt in the face of adversity, to be the person doing the right thing – not the ‘easy’ thing – and to be the kind of person who recognises when change for the greater good is necessary.

It is in this spirit that I write this letter. With the growing certainty that Covid-19 (the Coronavirus) will become endemic in England, and its current and growing presence in Europe, we have, with reluctance made the decision to cancel the annual ‘French Resilience Camp’ for our Year 7 students that would have taken place this summer.

We have not taken this decision lightly, but only after consulting with all our academy leaders and weighing the risks. It is affected not just by the risk of students falling ill abroad, but also by the threat of isolation for staff and students upon their return. As we are one large community that pulls together every year to ensure that this trip takes place, we also have concerns surrounding our ability to staff the school itself if we have staff in the Academy who fall ill whilst the trip is taking place, when we already have a number of staff abroad. Finally, we have concerns about the financial implications that may be triggered. By making the decision to cancel now, we can ensure you are fully refunded whilst also limiting the financial implications for the RMAT. We do not want to put parents out financially for a trip that ultimately may be cancelled through no fault of ours or yours.

Ultimately, we believe that cancelling the trip is in the best interests of our students, our staff, and our community. We can appreciate that this letter will be met with dismay for the students who were so looking forward to it, but we also hope that there will be a certain amount of understanding, and possibly even relief, on your part.

We will write again as soon as we can to clarify the process for refunds. As ever, thank you for your ongoing support of the Rodillian Multi Academy Trust.

Yours faithfully

Annette Hall
Chair
Rodillian Multi Academy Trust