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Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Educational Visits Update**

Due to advice given from PHE, DfE and our Local Authority, regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation, the school leaders have risk assessed our planned educational visits and the following decisions have been made:

- The Year 5/6 visit to The William Morris Museum on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March is to continue as planned (Reasons for this decision are shared at the end of this letter)
- Reception class visit to STEM discovery centre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, will continue as planned and reassessment will take place next week.
- Year 3 Swimming sessions, starting from April 24<sup>th</sup>, will continue as planned and reassessment will take place before the Easter holidays. Contributions are still to be made by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. If cancelled a full refund will be given of sessions not attended.
- Year 5 & 6 visit to The Brunel Museum on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 has been cancelled. All contributions given by parents to support the visit will be refunded. We will send out more information on refunds in the coming days.

## Why are we confident the Year 5 & 6 visit to The William Morris Museum should continue?

The museum is very small and consists of a number of inter-linked rooms. The children will be having two sessions throughout the day. One session will be in a dedicated classroom which is away from the public areas. The second session will take place in either the public galleries or the garden area, depending on the weather. However, because of the size and set-up of the public rooms, we will be able to ask members of the public to keep at a distance from our party, in a different room, observing the recommended 2m distance for social spacing as a minimum.

Lunch will take place in a private room on an upper floor, not accessible to the general public. We will also insist that children wash their hands on arrival, between activities, before lunch, after toileting and before we depart. We will carry hand sanitiser with us as an added precaution and children are more than welcome to carry their own.

We have also been in contact with the coach company, who have assured us that a deep clean is to take place before our use.

I thank you all for your ongoing support and we will continue to send you factual advice and updates as and when needed.

Mr. D. Bateman Headteacher