



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

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*"Serve the good God well with much liberty of spirit"*

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

You will be aware of the current situation relating to Corona virus. It continues to be a time of uncertainty. Schools have been told to remain open unless directed otherwise by Public Health England. However, across Europe governments are closing schools, cancelling mass gatherings and instructing bars and restaurants to close too. Here in England, the government advises against any overseas trips for children under 18 organised by educational settings. This is because trip leaders would face significant challenges in making arrangements to ensure children's welfare, should adult supervisors or children be required to self-isolate or become ill. Indeed we are now seeing that some countries are even closing borders and not allowing flights into their country.

As we are required to follow the travel advice given by the government we have been discussing our options with the travel company operating the trip to Euro Disney. We have been advised that we can't get a refund from the company but we could postpone to a later date. We have also been advised that Euro Disney is currently closed until 29 March. Whether it re-opens on 30 March is uncertain and can not be planned for, so close to the date of travel.

As such, the only course of action that seems appropriate at this time is to postpone the trip until the new academic year. We will now work with the travel company to review possible dates. When we have any further information about possible dates we will be back in contact. As such, the parents meeting scheduled for this Wednesday will also be cancelled.

Students and staff will be disappointed, however we are facing exceptional circumstances that we have very little control over. Your understanding would be very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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