**\*\*Buschcraft Residential Wednesday 29th June – Friday 1st July\*\***

Dear parent/carer,

It is with extreme frustration and disappointment that we are writing to notify you that the above residential has been cancelled due to events beyond our control. The current economic climate has impacted the leisure industry as a whole and we are aware that a number of residential visit companies have cancelled visits due to take place during summer term 2. Unfortunately, often with only a couple of days’ notice.

Mr Ruffett and the finance team have been working hard to try and secure an alternative residential visit. However, due to the short notice period received, size of our cohort, availability of coaches and availability of sites; we have been unable to secure an alternative.

We understand this will come as a huge disappointment to our Year 6 cohort especially as they have not experienced a TMA residential since Year 3. We always aim to provide quality and enriching residential experiences that add value to our educational opportunities beyond the classroom.

We have been working extremely hard looking at alternative day visits; however again due to the short notice and availability of sites, again they have been unable to secure anything at this stage. We know this has been a problem not only for our school but others that have been affected.

We do however hope to provide some time out of school for our Year 6 cohort to enjoy activities that are within walking distance.

Please note the following had already been added to the Year 6 calendar for ‘Month of Memories’ before we received notification of the cancellation:

***Year 6 Safety Centre Workshops: Thursday 7th July***

***Year 6 production: What a Knight – Tuesday 12th July***

During the dates of the Bushcraft visit, the whole of Year 6 will now be taking part in an enterprise project which will involve selling products to fellow TMA pupils.

After May half term, we will communicate all the final details for our ‘Month of Memories’.

Once we receive a refund from The Bushcraft Company, we can arrange refunds to all places booked on this residential. You will receive a notification of this and it will be paid direct to your parent account on ParentPay.

Should you have any further questions regarding refunds please contact finance@tma.bucks.sch.uk

As always thank you for your continued support.

**Hayley Cook Tom Ruffett Kim Smith**

Senior Deputy Head Head of Year 6 Finance department

Please see communication attached and continued on page 2; that Two Mile Ash School received from The Bushcraft Company:

***Dear Two Mile Ash,***

***I am very sorry to be sending this email but unfortunately we will not be able to facilitate your trip booked with The Bushcraft Company on 29/06/22.***

***You may have received an email from our CEO outlining the challenges we are currently facing.  This is not a decision we take lightly or easily, but the current economic climate has affected our ability to recruit and then retain staff for this season. I’m sure you are aware how staffing has affected the leisure, hospitality and services industries this year and I am so sorry that we cannot deliver an amazing outdoor experience for your students this summer.***

***We will of course offer a full refund for the money paid to date.***

***Again, I am so sorry to the teachers that have put in so much time and effort to organise the trip and the students and parents that were excited for their Bushcraft Adventure.***

***Kind regards,***

***Jancis Dunn***

***Account Manager***