## BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL VISIT - 2020-2021

As many of you will know, our Year 5 pupils usually have the opportunity to go on a residential visit to Castle Head in the Term 5. This year's visit had been planned for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

We have been mindful of the increased pressure on family finances which means that the ability of some, and increasingly more, in our wider school community to be able to afford residential visits is limited. We have not therefore asked for any payments from parents/carers but are now at a point where we need to make a decision about whether or not the visit can go ahead.

Current DfE advice is "We advise against educational visits at this time. This advice will be kept under review." This advice coupled with the Government's roadmap to ease lockdown restrictions means that we have reluctantly made the decision to cancel the visit.

We know that the children will be disappointed and the staff have discussed our decision with them today.

We are sure that you will understand and support our decision in the circumstances but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S J Moore Executive Headteacher