

# BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT - 2020-2021

Last year many of you took the time to complete our online survey regarding the Year 6 residential visit for this academic year. Based on the results of that survey, we booked a visit to Castle Head in Cumbria from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 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." Given this advice and that our departure date is very close to the provisional date of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for Step 3 of the Government's roadmap to ease lockdown restrictions, and after much discussion, 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