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Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

Unfortunately I must inform you that your son/daughter's proposed 1st year trip to Manchester on the 22nd of April will now not go ahead.

I understand that this will be disappointing news for all concerned. The trip has traditionally been a highpoint for pupils, and we have put a lot of work in to this trip already, in terms of procurement and preparation. So, it is very unfortunate that I have had to make this decision.

However due to circumstances outside of my control, which are outlined below, I have been left with no option but to cancel the trip.

Reason for cancellation:

- Match fixed originally for Sunday 22nd April
- Subsequently, Manchester City drew Liverpool in the European Champions League resulting in the following fixture changes:
 - If Manchester City beat Liverpool in the Champions League their match will be switched to Saturday 21st at 12.30pm; or
 - If they lose, the match proceeds as proposed at 16.30pm on Sunday 22nd April.
- We will not know the outcome of Manchester City's European tie against Liverpool until the 10th of April. However, as of Friday 23rd March (long before the 10th of April):
 - Manchester City wanted full payment for match tickets; and
 - The Premier Inn hotel wanted full payment for rooms.

With such uncertainty surrounding the actual day of the match, I was unable to commit to the hotel who in turn, would not hold rooms for us. If we continued in the hope that the dates would work out, we ran the risk of having paid for accommodation that we couldn't use, and then having no accommodation on the actual day of the match.

We have spent the last number of days, looking at options and alternatives but nothing viable has been found.

I will be refunding all payments in full in the coming days, using the online refund mechanism on Wisepay. As such the money will be refunded to the card used to make the original payment.

Yours sincerely

Principal

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