



19 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to write to you with some updates following the cancellation of the Valencia trip.

First of all, we will be continuing with our plan to take students out for the day on Thursday 20 July. We have booked the morning at Hollywood Bowl before moving on to lunch and some time for shopping. To offer as much flexibility as possible, students can either:

- Arrive at school as normal and catch the H1 bus with staff, returning to school at 3pm.
or
- Students can make their own way to the Derbion Centre, meeting at Hollywood Bowl at 10.15am. Students can then make their own way home/can be collected at 2.30pm.

Please complete this Google Form by 6pm today (Wednesday 19 July) to let us know which option your child will be taking: [Derby Visit](#)

Students also need to select their food choices using this form: [Food choices](#)

Secondly, we are aware that many of you have seen the social media coverage regarding Halsbury Travel over the last few days, as well as the highly insensitive tweet that they posted. We share in your disgust and frustration. Mr Jones has lodged a formal complaint with the CEO of the company as well as engaging publicly with the social media post and the press. In the meantime we are still working closely with Halsbury to seek compensation from RyanAir.

Finally, our finance officer has been working hard to secure your refunds for the trip. We are going to start issuing these today and are doing everything that we can to ensure that this money is with you before the end of the week.

We will, of course, keep you updated should we receive any further information. Thank you for your understanding at what we know has been a really difficult time for you and your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Mills
Vice Principal