



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

### Edinburgh Residential

In light of the situation regarding the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), we have regretfully made the decision to cancel the year 5 and 6 residential trip to Edinburgh in July 2020. The wellbeing, safety and security of our school community – whether children, teachers, or parents – is of the highest priority, not least during this rapidly evolving situation. The UK government advice announced on 16/03/20 advises against all non-essential travel and although this trip is not until July, we have risk assessed the implications of continuing to organise it and made the decision to cancel. Due to the anticipated peak of the virus being May/June we may have pupils and staff that are isolated at home or ill. There are also financial implications of continuing to plan for the trip to go ahead as cancellation policies for different venues differs. We are presently in touch with the various providers we have booked with to try and organise refunds. When we have more information about refunds and cancellations we will be in touch and any refunds will be given via school money.

We are aware this will be disappointing news for the children, but given the current situation in the UK we are sure you will understand our decision. We will also reconsider alternative activities for July should school be open and be running within normal parameters.

Kind Regards

Mrs Jen Ager, Mrs Leanne Day, Miss Lisa McDermott