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Dear Parents

### Visits to Tropical World, Leeds and The Big Sing

It is with sadness and regret that I am having to write to parents to advise that both the visit to Tropical World, Leeds, arranged for children in Classes 2 and 3 on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, and the opportunity for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 to take part alongside their friends from cluster schools in 'The Big Sing' on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 have had to be CANCELLED. I can only apologise for any disappointment and inconvenience this may cause both children, parents and carers.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those parents who were willing and able to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of these trips. Unfortunately, there were a number of parents who either did not want their child to take part, were unwilling to make a contribution towards the cost, or who could not meet the cost of the trip(s). This ultimately meant that both visits would have resulted in a substantial financial loss. As a school we were unable, due to ever increasing financial constraints, to subsidise already heavily subsidised visits even further.

I know how much children enjoy trips and I also know how much time and effort school staff put into organising opportunities for children. Therefore, I want to assure parents that this decision has not been made lightly.

By way of confirmation the money paid by parents on their children's parent pay accounts for either of the trips will be transferred to the Dinner Money Service and stay as a 'credit' until used at a later date.

Once again, please accept my sincere apologies for any disappointment caused. If any parent wishes to speak to me about any of the above, please do not hesitate to pop in and see me or ring.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Pearson  
Headteacher