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Thursday 25th October 2018

Dear parents/carers of Y5 and Y6 children

Y5 and Y6 staff and I have spoken to a number of parents and carers of Y5 and Y6 children following the cancellation of the theatre visit in December. Understandingly parents and carers are disappointed that this decision was made. Please be assured that both myself and all staff involved are just as disappointed. I write to explain the reasons why this visit was cancelled.

Our Education Visits policy which was adopted by our Governing Body (June 2018) states

If there are not enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the visit, and the shortfall cannot be made up, then as a last resort, the visit may be cancelled. This is made clear on the permission letters / information made available to parents at the early stages of planning the visit. (available on our website www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Y56-The-Arc-Letter-2018.pdf)

Unfortunately on this occasion we did not receive enough voluntary contributions of £5 to support the cost of the visit. As the letter mentions school were already heavily subsidising the cost and, following a discussion, the difficult decision was made that the visit should be cancelled. The organising of such a visit is very time consuming.

I understand that this must be frustrating for those parents/carers who did provide a voluntary contribution however our policy does not allow us simply to take those who have paid.

Please be assured that as a Church School we will continue to teach our children about the themes of Christmas and this will continue to be an important time in our school. We are in the process of planning an alternative in school activity for our Y5/6 children.

I do hope that this has clarified the reason for cancelling the visit and explained the reasons behind the decision.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Andrea Swift

Head Teacher