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Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: Year 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament

You will no doubt all be very aware of the sad and tragic incident that happened yesterday at the Houses of Parliament.

After careful consideration and having discussed the matter with the county school visits advisor and the senior leadership team in school we have decided to postpone our trip to the Houses of Parliament scheduled for tomorrow.

We have been watching the events unfold overnight and I believe that in terms of security we would probably be safer than ever if we were to travel to Westminster tomorrow. Our first instinct was to press on with the visit and show that such acts would not deter us from carrying out our day to day lives and that we should not allow such actions to hinder our pupils' learning about democracy and the rule of law. However, after careful reflection we feel that the trip would not be focussed upon the right issues and that what happened yesterday would inevitably be a distraction and point of attention for our children rather than the real reason for our visit. We feel that there will still be a great deal of additional media attention, movement restrictions and most importantly we wanted to show respect to those who lost their lives and the loved ones of those people.

Mrs. Green has been in contact with the Parliamentary Education Service and they have placed us as a priority school for a visit in the summer term instead.

I am sure you will agree with me that out of respect for those who lost their lives yesterday postponing the trip to the Houses of Parliament to the summer term is the right thing to do. We will continue to monitor events and look for safety and security guidance from Parliament Education Services. I hope that you will join me in sending our prayers and good wishes to those who suffered as a result of the incident in Westminster yesterday.

Best wishes,

Paul Brown
Headteacher