

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

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In light of recent events unfolding in Italy at this time, I thought it necessary to write to you to clarify the situation that we are in regarding coronavirus and the up and coming trip to the Bay of Naples on 13th March 2020.

I have been in contact with the travel company and they have informed me that there is no current requirement to cancel the trip as the outbreak of Coronavirus is subject to Northern Italy.

Furthermore, the Italian authorities have taken extraordinary measures to try and isolate the outbreak in these areas and this includes a state of lockdown that prohibits the movement of people from Northern Italy to the south. Our Trip to the bay of Naples will not travel any further North than the bay itself and therefore we would be a considerable distance away from any current outbreaks.

We are currently seeking the advice from the foreign and commonwealth office, whose recommendation up to this point, is that travel to and from Southern Italy is as normal and there is no requirement to cancel the trip. This, however is subject to change, and I have been assured that should the foreign office change their advice, then our travel company NST, will authorise the trip to be cancelled and a full refund be returned to the families affected.

I will be in contact with the appropriate authorities on a daily basis and should the situation change, then I will contact you directly to inform you of any changes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that alongside the insurance policy that we get through NST, we also have a school based insurance policy that will provide adequate cover should it be required.

If you have any further questions, then please feel free to get in email me at s.rescorle@mce.hlt.academy or contact me via the school phone number.

Kind regards

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