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Dear parents/guardians,

In recent weeks I have received calls from a very small minority of Year 7 parents requesting more details regarding our planned trip to Dublin, prompting my decision to write an update prior to the Christmas holidays.

I feel it important to clarify a few important details:

1. This trip is being organised through the Tour Operator 'Mark Rodgers Travel'. This is a family-run business with over 30 years' experience in organising school trips in Ireland, United Kingdom and Europe.
2. A Tour Manager from Mark Rodgers will accompany us on the trip, taking responsibility for ALL aspects, including accommodation, itinerary etc.
3. Five adults from school will accompany each group of children.
4. Approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the trip, the school will receive finalised travel information, including travel insurance documentation, accommodation details, itinerary details etc.
5. We will be staying in The White Sands Hotel, Malahide. I have been reassured by the Tour Operator that the hotel is very clean, provides an excellent breakfast and has been used regularly by them for school trips without complaint.
6. A joint Risk Assessment will be carried out by the Tour Operator and school prior to the trip.
7. A meeting will be organised for parents to attend closer to the departure date of the trip, outlining the full itinerary, room arrangements, dietary requirements etc.

All of the above has been shared with the Board of Governors and has been fully endorsed by them.

As a school, we are looking forward to returning to our pre-Covid days of a Year 7 trip outside of N. Ireland.

I trust that this answers some of the many questions you may have regarding our trip to Dublin. As further information is finalised, I will continue to share it with you in a timely fashion.

Yours faithfully,

Heather Bentley

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(Principal)