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To all parents of pupils on school trips, Summer 2009

Dear Parents

In the light of the current situation regarding swine flu, I am writing to let you know that the school has reviewed the arrangements in place for those trips taking place during the summer holiday which involve travel outside of the UK. We have also sought advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Following this review I am pleased to confirm that all our trips will be going ahead as planned. Pupils who are not displaying any flu-like symptoms should therefore continue to attend the trip as usual.

Pupils who have flu-like symptoms or who have been diagnosed as having swine flu, however, will, regrettably, be unable to travel in order to minimise the risk of infection spreading.

If you think your child may have swine flu, you should check their symptoms on [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk), call NHS Direct (0845 46 47) or call the Swine Flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If you are still concerned, you should call your GP, who can provide a diagnosis over the phone.

Symptoms are similar to those of seasonal flu and include:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Lack of appetite
- Coughing
- Sore throat
- Pain in muscles and joints
- Headache and chills

Some people with swine flu have also reported vomiting and diarrhoea.

We will be ensuring that pupils and staff practise good hygiene to help to reduce transmission of all viruses, including swine flu, during their time abroad.

Further information is available on the Health Protection Agency's website [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk). If you have any queries or concerns please contact the member of staff responsible for your child's trip.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane King'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop for the letter 'K'.