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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of the current situation for the NASA JSC Houston trip that your child is taking part in between 18-25th October 2020. We have been in regular contact with the local authority and NASA about the potential risk of international travel in relation to COVID-19/ Coronavirus. **Please be assured that we are following the government's current advice and expect that the visit will take place as planned.** Further details of travel advice are available on the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa>

If this advice were to change, and the government advised ***against travel to the USA specifically during our trip dates, 18 October – 25 October 2020, then*** the trip would not proceed. In this case we would be in touch with you and continue to liaise with NASA as to whether we can rearrange the trip for another date/year or cancel it altogether.

In summary, the NASA trip is still seven months away and will take place as planned. Please continue to pay your installments. At the end of April, we will look at expiry dates on passports and apply for visas if required. If there are any changes to Government advice in the meantime, we will contact you with an update.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me, Ms Salih on teyfide.salih@wilmingtonacademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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