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### **Mallydams Residential Cancellation**

Dear Parents and Carers

You may have seen on the local news yesterday evening, that RSPCA Mallydams Wood Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Centre has been closed for the next two weeks due to a rise in cases in the amount of birds in and around the site that have contracted Avian Flu. This is completely out of our control and the centre has been closed by government officials, following advice from APHA (Animal and Plant Health Agency) and high levels of potential Avian Influenza cases that are in the area.

It is therefore, with a heavy heart, that we have to cancel the Year 6 residential to Mallydams next week. We know that this is upsetting for the children but we hope that the three transition days that they receive at Rye College will be an exciting time for them and will take their mind off the cancellation of the trip.

The trip for a small group of Year 5 children on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Mallydams, is now cancelled too.

Instead of the residential trip to Mallydams for the Year 6 children, we are now looking at the option of a Treasure Hunt around Rye town, a pizza at a local restaurant and an ice-cream for the walk home. We will be updating you on these plans before next week as we have to rearrange some of our bookings to accommodate the recent changes.

We understand that this is disruptive, but we hope that the change of plans still mean our Year 6 children have an exciting end to the term.

I look forward to informing you of future plans soon,

Best Wishes,

Miss Brassleay