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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you that we have made the difficult decision to cancel our forthcoming Prospective Parents Evening at Cleves which was planned for next Tuesday (9th November).

As I am sure you are aware, cases of coronavirus have remained high in schools this term and, at Cleves, we have already had two official outbreaks meaning that we've had to tighten restrictions and limit large gatherings. Unfortunately, we have returned from half term with numbers still high within our school community. The format of the evening would have seen large numbers of parents and children grouped together, talking and interacting with our own staff and pupils. With this in mind, we feel we need to put the safety of our staff and pupils first and to not go ahead with the evening.

However, we very much plan to still go ahead with our daytime tours and these can be booked by calling our school reception on 01932 224300. These take place in small groups with much less contact and interaction and we therefore consider them to be much safer. We do however request that parents wear a mask when attending one of these tours.

As a consequence of cancelling our evening event, we do plan to adapt the structure of our daytime tours, offering a short 10/15 minute presentation followed by a tour, lasting around an hour. The content of the presentation will be very similar to what would have been covered during the evening event and you will be very welcome to ask any questions that you may have.

Unfortunately, pupils are not able to attend our daytime tours but in the summer term we plan to offer a full induction, adapting our offer further so that the pupils have more opportunity to visit, look round and become familiar with the school setting.

Finally, in the meantime, I would encourage you to visit our school website where you can view our virtual tour and download a copy of the presentation that we planned to share during the evening. You will also be able to find details out about our daytime tours. This information can be found here - <https://www.cleves.co.uk/about-cleves/admissions-process/>

We very much look forward to meeting and welcoming you onto one of our daytime tours and hopefully, in the long term, getting to know you as members of the Cleves community. Thank you for your understanding and I'm sorry that my first correspondence to you was to bring disappointing news.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mr Chris Hodges".

Mr Chris Hodges
Headteacher

