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Dear Parent/Carer

Ardèche Adventure 2016

As you will be aware, there was an atrocity in Nice last night that is suspected to be terrorist-related.

We do, of course, put the safety of our students and staff ahead of all other factors. In reviewing our risk assessment, the Academy has sought advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the British Embassy in Paris, the provider, Acorn Adventure and our insurance company, Zurich; the conclusion is that we believe that it remains safe for the Ardèche Adventure to proceed.

We will be monitoring the situation and following the Foreign and Commonwealth Office guidance and Cornwall Council's outdoor learning advice right to the point of departure, and if circumstances should change we will of course review and revise our risk assessment.

We do understand that you may have concerns about your child travelling to France given the recent events, and it remains entirely your choice if, after careful consideration of all the information available to you, you decide to withdraw your child from the activity. However, please be advised that Zurich inform us that our insurance policy will not cover cancellations for such withdrawals while the Foreign and Commonwealth Office guidance is that is safe to travel, but the cancellation element of the policy will of course come in to effect if that guidance changes to advise us not to travel to France.

We will continue to keep you posted throughout the week.

Yours sincerely

Heather Jenkins Headteacher