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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware, pupils in Year 4 were on their way to Chester for a school trip yesterday when their coach was involved in a road traffic accident.

Shortly after leaving the Academy, the coach was involved in a collision. This was obviously a frightening experience for all involved. Thankfully, however, none of our children or staff were seriously injured and all were attended to, at the scene, by the emergency services. We are waiting for a full report from the coach company and the police about the cause of the accident, but there is no suggestion that it was avoidable, or the result of any negligence on the part of the Academy.

To support the Year 4 children, I have arranged for a police officer to come into Year 4 and talk through the emergency services response when there is an accident involving children. This will also give them the opportunity to ask questions and talk about their experience.

If Year 4 parents feel this would not help their child, please can they inform the office and we will make alternative arrangements for them.

In 25 years of teaching this is the first time that this has occurred on a trip from any schools that I have worked at. Educational visits form an important part of the curriculum and although I understand the anxiety around future trips, we will continue this valuable part of the curriculum. Not doing so would limit the children's experiences.

The theatre trip will continue for the whole Academy as will Chasewater for Year 6. As far as the Chester trip is concerned, my initial feeling is to rearrange the trip but I will seek parental views on this. My decision will not be made for a couple of weeks until we have all had time to process the events of yesterday.

As well as relief that no-one was badly hurt, my overwhelming feeling is one of pride in our pupils and staff. The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to themselves, to you and to the Academy.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via the office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Bridge' in a cursive style.

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