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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

I wanted to update you on the status of the World Challenge expedition planned for July 2021 and how World Challenge is responding to COVID-19.

World Challenge has set up a website specifically to update you on the impact of COVID-19, <https://coronaupdates.org/>, you should bookmark this page and check it in the coming months for further updates. Below is a summary of the current advice from World Challenge. The most important point being, our trip is still going ahead at this time.

Below are some FAQs from World Challenge:

**Will the expedition go ahead?**

We're hopeful that by next year the world will have started adventuring again, so we are working on the assumption that all trips due to depart from 1st January 2021 will proceed as planned.

**What about payments and fundraising?**

We understand this is a very difficult and uncertain time for individuals, families, and organisations, and so we are not accepting or collecting any payments due between 20th April and 15th July 2020. After this date, we will reassess the situation and provide a further update regarding any payments due.

**What happens if the expedition cannot go ahead?**

In our agreement with customers, we are required to review alternative options should a trip be unable to proceed as planned. These options could include an alternate trip and departure date, or a cancellation altogether.

Yours sincerely,

Mr MA Simpson



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