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Dear Parent/Carer,

Next week, Year 4 are going to have the exciting opportunity to 'visit' Egypt using brand new VR headsets that have been purchased by the school. In order to write an entertaining and engaging setting description in English, we feel that the children would benefit from being able to visit Egypt in Virtual Reality so that they can write from their own experiences.

The VR headsets will be used in an English lesson which will involve lots of discussion about what they are seeing and feeling. Following our risk assessment, the children will only be able to 'visit' pre-determined locations that staff have vetted; they will remain seated throughout the session; and they will only wear the headsets for short periods of time.

Children will have the opportunity to view the locations on the Interactive Whiteboard Screens if they feel uncomfortable wearing the headsets.

We hope that this is a truly enriching experience for your child – they will be amongst the first pupils to wear them so it should make an exciting lesson!

Please do email us at year4@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Partridge and Mr Williams
Year 4 Class Teachers