



CHARLTON SCHOOL

*Providing an environment in which all students can succeed,
with learning at the heart of all we do.*



Principal: Mr A McNaughton

13th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: School Trips outside of the UK (Update)

Following communication circulated earlier today resulting from Government advice yesterday regarding travel in the educational sector, the school has now made the decision to cancel all planned foreign trips abroad for the remainder of the academic year.

The specific advice is outlined through the link below, and includes the following statement: 'The government advises against all overseas education trips for children under 18. This is because trip leaders would face significant challenges in making arrangements to ensure children's welfare, should adult supervisors or children be required to self-isolate.'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance-for-the-education-sector>

The school will continue to communicate with all providers and our relevant insurers to work towards further action which will be taken responding to the financial implications of the cancellation. Due to the timing of trips concerned (which take place at different times across the months ahead), further communication will be targeted at parents of individual trips as response times and detail may be different.

I am aware that you, along with your child will share our disappointment in having to make this decision, while recognising that the school has to take appropriate action following direct advice from Government.

I would again ask that you await further communication from the school, rather than making contact with staff directly, to allow the team to spend time taking appropriate action resulting from this decision. We will obviously communicate with parents as soon as any detail is finalised, with the aim of working towards a full refund for all families.

We will be in further contact at the earliest opportunity and thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Tristham
Senior Deputy Headteacher