

### **Parental Advisory Note Regarding Trips**

Following terrorist and other incidents, parents and carers will, understandably, be more worried about trips and visits, especially to urban venues. Please be rest assured that our school gives particular attention to the risk assessment process that underpins each trip at an early stage, making safety a key priority. The school liaises closely with the local authority when planning trips. The school will always place the safeguarding of our pupils central to any decisions we take.

Our school will continue to do all we can to run trips and visits as normal (in times which can feel anything but normal). We believe that these trips are integral to a rounded education and that our school in providing such opportunities is fulfilling an important and wider social function. In continuing to offer these opportunities to our pupils we are demonstrating that the quality of our national life and the values that underpin it will not be undermined by those determined to wreak havoc.

Were an 'incident' to occur shortly before a trip, the school will communicate with parents at the earliest opportunity to explain what the school intends to do, and the actions we will be taking. Should the school decide in the interests of safeguarding pupils, a trip should be cancelled or postponed, it is unlikely the school travel insurance would be able to refund any costs incurred by parents where there is no Foreign and Commonwealth Office or Home Office advice against travel. Similarly, any withdrawal or cancellation from the trip of a pupil by the individual parent is the personal decision of that parent and may also incur financial losses. Wherever possible the school will endeavour to eliminate and/or minimise such losses for parents by still making representation with the travel and insurance companies. This may involve the postponement or transfer of dates or a change of venue, if that is possible or desirable.