

8th June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As an Academy, we believe that educational trips and visits have immense value to children, allowing them to access learning in a different environment, whilst enriching the learning that takes place in the classroom.

As you may be aware, in light of the recent incidents in London, the UK is on a higher level of alert. Recommendations coming from the Home Office - as well as E-ACT themselves - are that educational trips should not be postponed or cancelled as a result of this. I have spoken with Head Office and they fully support continuing with all our planned trips.

As a part of organising a trip, stringent risk assessments are put in place to ensure any educational trips are run smoothly and safely. These are carried out by teachers and checked by senior leaders specifically trained in analysing and putting together risk assessments. These are then also sent to E-ACT Head Office for checking and agreement.

As a staff we discuss what would happen in any situation. We communicate fully with all places where trips happen to ensure we know all their procedures for any unforeseen issues.

As with any trip it is down to you as the parent/carer to decide if you want your child to attend. Trips are not compulsory for pupils so if you are not comfortable with sending your child then you can write a letter/email to the Office and just explain that you do not want them to attend. This is the procedure for any trip.

We fully understand the concerns some parents may have, but I urge parents to come and speak to a member of staff rather than use social media sites to express their concerns and views or to write derogative comments about the academy. If you are concerned or worried about any matters, please raise them with either the class teacher, or a member of the leadership team rather than use social media sites.

I would like to thank those parents/carers that have approached me directly or have emailed the school office.

If you have any questions or concerns then please feel free to speak to a member of staff or email the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Flannigan

