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English and Drama Trip to London: 22nd to 25th October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware the English and Drama department is planning a trip to London in October 2020.

We appreciate that these are uncertain times and, therefore, I am writing to update you with regards to this trip.

The school has up to seventy days before the trip in which to cancel before additional charges are levied upon us. Therefore, this gives us until the beginning of August.

If the trip is cancelled by school, each pupil will lose the £150 deposit which was required by the travel company. However, no additional money should be lost. In this case, the remaining money paid into SIMS Pay could be refunded to parents. Therefore, we would ask that, in the interim period, you continue to pay your £100 every month until we can make a final decision based on the most up-to-date and relevant information in August.

Unfortunately, due to the unprecedented scale of the current global situation, ABTA have confirmed that tour operators should not be asked to provide full refunds to school trips which are no longer running for reasons beyond their control. Most insurance companies are also refusing to pay as they do not cover pandemics and COVID-19 has now been officially recognised as a pandemic.

I anticipate that it will take some time to fully resolve this issue and I will keep you updated as much as possible.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the School, and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

E Graham

Mrs E Graham
Head of English and Drama