



Southend High School for Girls

An Academy Grammar School

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Dear Parents

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****
UPCOMING SCHOOL TRIPS

I am writing to give you an update on all planned School Trips.

We have been closely monitoring the situation regarding the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) during the last few days and have been taking advice from the Government, the Department of Education and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as well as liaising with our insurers.

Following new advice from the Department of Education, we have taken the decision to cancel all planned overseas trips from now until the end of the half term break/ the end of May 2020.

We are committed to the safety of all our staff and students and I am confident that we have taken the correct decision in these very difficult and challenging times. As a parent myself, I would want to know that if my child were attending a trip it would be an enjoyable as well as safe experience and I am sure that you all feel the same.

Although the Department for Education is not currently advising against domestic/UK school trips, we will be considering each trip on an individual basis and refreshing our risk assessments accordingly. Further details will follow for each of these trips.

We will of course continue to monitor the situation very closely and will keep you informed of any updates to the advice we are given.

For the trips we need to cancel, we have been working closely with the Tour Operators and our insurance company regarding refunds to parents and will provide further information for each trip once an agreement is reached. Please bear with us as these negotiations may take a few weeks but rest assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure a smooth resolution.

Yours sincerely

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