



France Trip 2020 - Update

Dear Parent or Carer,

First of all, may I thank you for your patience and cooperation while awaiting information on the status of the France Trip. It has been difficult to gather up-to-date advice from the tour operator and insurance company due to the daily changes to guidance issued by the government. Indeed, as this letter goes out it is likely that changes will continue to occur.

I understand there are two concerns which need addressing: first and foremost, the safety of students and staff and secondly finance. Currently travel is restricted in the UK to essential travel only until the 7th May and the Foreign Office indefinitely advises against all non-essential global travel due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While we would never run a trip when it is unsafe to do so, due to the dates given in official guidance the trip cannot be 'officially' cancelled at this time without forfeiting all money already paid.

The financial advice is:

- Parents are to continue to make all scheduled payments within the deadlines
- School is to pay all scheduled payments to the tour operator within the deadlines
- In the event of a cancellation due to government guidance restricting travel from the UK or within France, all monies will be refunded

There will be the option to rebook for next year to alleviate the disappointment for students.

If we do not continue to make the scheduled payments, we will have breached the terms and conditions of the contract and therefore will not be able to claim a refund. This is the same advice for all holiday packages and is out of the control of the school. The only way to safeguard a refund is to continue to make payments as odd as that may sound. Please follow the original payment schedule.

We understand some families will have been affected financially by the Covid-19 crisis making it difficult to continue making payments, in this case please contact us for more information via email in the first instance to education@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk

We will keep you informed of any changes as they happen. We expect the next government announcement to be at the beginning of May.

Yours faithfully,

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