

### Cancelled trips to Paris – Session 2015/16

It was with great disappointment to staff and pupils that the planned school trips to Paris were cancelled this session. Staff had spent a considerable amount of time doing the advance planning and administrative work. We now feel this was most certainly the right decision in view of the tragic events which have taken place in Paris in recent months.

The initial letters informing parents about the trips always ask for payment of “a non-refundable deposit”. This small deposit is then paid to the tour company to reserve the accommodation requested. At this point there is no money held in the trip fund. Only when subsequent payments are paid to the tour company by the school does the Group Leader take out an insurance policy for the trip through the City of Edinburgh Council. We have been able to refund to parents all subsequent payments for both trips.

In exceptional cases the Head Teacher can only refund a deposit from the School Fund which is used to support pupils and the curriculum throughout the year. Anyone requesting this should email the school admin address in the first instance.

Thanks for your understanding and support.

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