



**Education Resources  
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Dear Parent/Carer

You may recall certain contingency measures which were put into operation by South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) last session when a number of school excursions and educational visits abroad were compromised by the global terrorist threat. The contingencies involved SLC stepping in to re-organise trips at short notice or cover the cost of cancelled trips and lost deposits to ensure families and schools were not financially disadvantaged.

The wellbeing of students and staff will always be paramount when decisions are taken to cancel or postpone trips on grounds of health and safety. Such decisions are only ever taken when responding to advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office not to travel or in the light of random incidents and events which place our colleagues and pupils in jeopardy.

Please be advised that the school, in conjunction with SLC, will continue to regard safety as our prime consideration. As such, there may arise instances where any such decision to cancel trips at short notice as we react to events may involve a financial loss as this may not be covered by travel insurance. **Please note that it may be the case that neither the school nor SLC will be able to reimburse families should any such situation arise.** Families should consider this when committing to what can be substantial costs for certain excursions involving foreign travel.

As a school community we will seek to find the right balance between providing the very popular educational and cultural experiences beyond Scotland's shores and ensuring the safety of our staff and students from random extremist threats.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Sives'.

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