



Trinity High School

& SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Part of Bordesley Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP - Nepal July 2021

We have been in contact with World Challenge regarding our proposed trip to Nepal, obviously concerned as to the safety of our students and the expedition next summer. We asked the question: should we cancel? Below are the summative bullet points from World Challenge (WC).

Terms and process for cancellation.

- *At the moment as per our T&Cs, if the school takes the decision to cancel then the students would be required to pay 35% of the total balance of the trip – a total of £1,013.25.*
- *There are several other reasons to delay making a decision about cancelling the expedition at this early stage. Regarding the safety of the trips, we have made a number of adaptations to both the programme and expedition itself to ensure as safe an environment as possible, including*
- *Our Booking with Confidence Pledge – so that schools, parents and challengers can feel confident that their money is safe and will be refunded if their expeditions are unable to run due to COVID-19, and outlining the measures we are taking to keep our participants safe.*
- *A new online Learning Management System replacing the previous programme, delivering meaningful content with specific outcomes that directly relate to your school curriculum.*
- *Security of knowing all your itinerary details pre departure, including pre-booked accommodation and transport throughout the trip, so that we can confidently keep our participants COVID safe.*
- *Flexibility with future launch processes – we are geared up to launch expeditions remotely, so we don't necessarily need to come into school to deliver presentations but can do it all effectively and more conveniently for you, and for parents, online.*

It is the families who will bear the cost of this if the school cancels now – in contrast to the families who were due to travel the summer just gone, all of whom received full refunds. Therefore, the World Challenge plan is for the trip to go ahead. Should they cancel it closer to the time, everyone will receive any monies they have paid, to date. If we as a school, or you personally withdraw, monies paid will be lost.

These are indeed difficult times to foresee the situation next summer. I am also very well aware students will not have had to time to fundraise, therefore the majority of the costs falling on parents. I have discussed this unfortunate situation with Mr Ward, our Headteacher, and our advice for now is to ignore payment due dates, but simply save in a different account the balance you owe. If the trip goes ahead, you will have budgeted for it and can pay closer to the time, if WC pull the trip, your refund will be what you have paid to date.

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We have in association with WC run two wonderful trips to Africa and India in the past: the students describing these as 'life changing' with fantastic memories. We really do wish the trip takes place, but only if it is safe for our students to do so and we can only await further updates from WC as we near July 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Kirk', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mrs C Kirk
World Challenge Coordinator