

# Mount St. Joseph

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Dear Parent / Carer

## Re: Visit to London

As many of you will already be aware, the Government met last week to discuss the challenges presented by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). As a school we continue to follow the advice issued to school by the Department for Education and Public Health England. Yesterday, the Government updated the advice given in relation to overseas travel for schools.

Unfortunately, the government now advises against all overseas education trips for children under 18. This is because trip leaders would face significant challenges in making arrangements to ensure children's welfare should adult supervisors or children be required to self-isolate.

This week the government advised schools to encourage 'social distancing' which includes avoiding public transport and large gatherings. In light of this the trip to London on 22<sup>nd</sup> May has now been cancelled.

The administration team will arrange for payments to be returned to all parents through the Parent Mail system. This usually takes 14 days to process.

Should you have any concerns or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Samuel

Director of Finance & Resources