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Educational school visits are a valuable part of the school curriculum at The Weald. They provide our pupils with new and real-life experiences that enhance our learning within school. The safety of children is our prime concern and every effort is made to ensure that trips run as smoothly, enjoyably and safely as possible for our pupils. To ensure all parties participating in school visits are aware of expectations we have put together some guidelines for parents and pupils.

Behaviour expectations

As you know, we have the highest expectations of our pupils for their behaviour and conduct and they rarely let us down.

The expectations that the School has of pupils on school trips are designed for their safety and well-being and that of those around them.

Failure to keep to these expectations may result in the pupil being sent home from the trip at their parents/carers expense and possible exclusion from any further trips.

Each pupils should:

- Cooperate fully with members of staff at all times
- Show consideration and respect for all group members on the trip
- Take responsibility for their own actions and ensure they are not part of a group who are behaving in an inappropriate manner
- If granted indirectly supervised time, be in groups of no less than three
- Try to be pleasant, happy and polite throughout the trip
- Not give any personal details (e.g. phone number or address) or the details of our venue to strangers
- Be aware that they will have to pay for any damage caused by themselves or within a group
- Refrain from using inappropriate language

Pupils are expected to:

- Inform staff of any relevant medical conditions or injuries.
- Wear appropriate clothing
- Take responsibility for their own possessions
- Keep all facilities clean, tidy and undamaged
- Abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the countries and places visited
- Be aware of all emergency procedures and in the event of an emergency, follow emergency procedure instructions
- Inform a member of staff of any hazards and report any damaged or unsafe equipment
- Return all borrowed equipment in the same condition in which you received it
- Refrain from the purchase, possession and consumption of alcohol, illegal substances and tobacco

- Understand that the possession and use of non-prescribed drugs and/or illegal substances is strictly forbidden
- Consult with staff if unsure of any of the above

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

It is vital that both parents/guardians and students are aware of Custom Regulations before your daughter/son goes on a visit abroad.

Children on school trips are often tempted to buy toys and souvenirs, which they may not have seen in the United Kingdom. Some of these items may not be brought through Customs.

The following items may not be purchased or carried on your person:-

- BB guns and pellets
- Laser pens
- Explosive caps
- Fireworks of any kind (including firecrackers)
- Imitation firearms (toy guns, any toy in the shape of a gun - including key rings, etc.)
- Any 'flick-like' object, which may be perceived as being a knife
- Knives of any kind
- Alcohol of any kind
- Cigarettes and tobacco
- Lighters

Students carrying any of the above items, or any other items deemed to be dangerous by members of staff, will have to turn over these goods to Customs and will not be allowed to keep them under any circumstances.

General Consent for Trips

I agree that my son/daughter may take part in off-site educational and Residential trips whilst a student at The Weald School

I agree that medical and dental treatment may be given to my son or daughter if necessary, including the administration of a general anaesthetic and to surgical operations in the case of an emergency, in accordance with the recommendation of a qualified medical practitioner.

I have read through the information contained in this letter with my child and discussed the importance of the expectations outlined. I agree that in very serious breaches of discipline I will make suitable arrangements to have my child brought home at my own expense.