

KEC/avt
10 January 2018

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

**Trip No: 4066 - Optional Residential Overseas Trip Out of School Time
Years 7 8 and 9 Trip to China from 6th to 13th April 2019 (Letter 2)**

Due to updated information obtained on China's visa entry system, we have ascertained that the Chinese government have recently abolished the £85 single entry group visa, and the school has been informed by our travel provider that the most straightforward and secure way for students to obtain the necessary visa for entry into China is in person at the Chinese Embassy in London. The up to date cost of this visa including processing fees is £151.

As a result of not being able to offer the visa as part of the cost of the trip we will be reducing the total cost of the journey by £112, which will be removed from the final instalment due on Wednesday, 31st October 2018, leaving the amount at £143.

As this trip is new to the school we had not anticipated the volatility in pricing and at the time of writing, dependant on the boy / girl ratio for train compartment occupancy, cannot rule out further increases. We will do our best to advise you of these and seek your continuing agreement for your child to participate in this unique experience. We will however, have the revised cost for you as soon as the closing date for the trip passes and we have the numbers of students who would like to travel.

Please complete below the reply slip to confirm that you have read the above letter and are able to secure a visa for your son / daughter at the Chinese Embassy in London and provide this to the school in advance of the departure dates. The exact dates will be confirmed in due course. It is likely that a further consent form and, if necessary, a revised payment plan will be sent out should costs increase. This is to ensure that all parent(s) / carer(s) are continually aware of their commitments.

The John Warner School would like to apologise for these circumstances that are entirely beyond our control and if you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully

Kathryn Corken
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Co-ordinator for Oriental Studies

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Reply Slip

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I have read the above letter and I confirm that I am able to secure a visa for my son / daughter at the Chinese Embassy in London before the trip

I understand that this visa is priced at £151 but that the cost will be offset by the decrease in price of the trip.

Signed:

Date:

Parent / Carer
