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Dear Parent/Carer

### 2021 Geography Trip to Norway

I am writing to inform you that due to sufficient expressions of interest, the 2021 trip to Norway will go ahead. Again, the exact dates of the trip will be finalised once the flights have been reserved over the coming months, but it will take place over five days within the Easter holidays of 2021 (this will therefore be somewhere between Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April).

### Coronavirus

I fully understand that many of you will be rightly concerned about the impact that the coronavirus pandemic could have on future travel abroad. Because the Norway trip is a full year away, we are very optimistic that we should be able to travel without issue. However, if in April 2021, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advise against travel, we are covered financially by the Risk Protection Arrangement for schools. We will continue to closely observe the unfolding situation and update you regularly across the year about any changes that may occur. For now, we hope that this is something that our students can look forward to with excitement.

### Prices and payment schedule

Until transfers and flights are formally booked, the following price is a close estimation from Discover the World education. **The total cost of the trip will be around £770-£860.** This includes a first deposit of £50, followed by a second £50 payment three weeks later. If the trip goes ahead as planned, these deposits are non-refundable for those students who obtain a place on the trip. If you have any questions about this cost, please contact me.

First deposit part 1	£50	By Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
First deposit part 2	£50	By Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Second deposit	£200	By Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Third instalment	£200	By Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Fourth instalment	£200	By Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Final instalment	£70-160 (depending on final confirmed trip cost)	By Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2021

The price includes:

- Return flights
- Hold luggage
- Multi-bedded rooms with private bathroom facilities
- Full board basis – breakfast, packed lunch and evening meals
- All excursions, guides and entrance fees in our itinerary
- All transportation within Norway, including airport transfers
- Both airport transfers within the UK
- Travel insurance

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## Getting a place on the trip

**We are now welcoming £50 deposits only, to be paid via ParentPay by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.** If you have any questions about ParentPay, please contact reception. We prefer not to take cash or cheques as this makes social distancing more difficult.

Because there was such a large amount of interest in the trip, we have been able to increase the number of places to 40. However, we will NOT be offering places on a first-come, first-serve basis. Instead, should we receive more deposits than there are places on the trip, we will allocate places based on merit, taking into consideration attendance, attitude to learning and behaviour. I will write to you again in April to confirm whether your child has gained a place on the trip, so that you can pay the second £50 deposit. If your child is unsuccessful in obtaining a place, all deposits will be returned. David Nieper Academy reserves the right to remove a student from the trip if they do not meet the Academy's expectations as part of their everyday schooling.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on 01773 832331 or [cruddy@davidnieper.academy](mailto:cruddy@davidnieper.academy).

Yours faithfully



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