

# The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Arrangements for School Trips

In light of recent terrorist attacks and concerns raised by a number of parents, in particular regarding school trips, I wish to reassure you that all reasonable precautions are taken to ensure the safety and security of your child(ren) while in the school's care.

Below is an excerpt of guidance issued to schools by Haringey Council following the most recent attack:

*"We know many schools will have trips to central London (and elsewhere) over the coming days, and will be considering whether these should go ahead, in the light of another horrific terrorist attack. It is entirely understandable that people will have concerns.*

*The advice is that school visits may go ahead, and that there is no reason to cancel any visit if it is properly planned."*

I want to assure you that in planning any trips, the school completes appropriate risk assessments which are shared with all supervising adults so that they know exactly what to do in case of an emergency. Of course, if you would prefer to withdraw your child from a trip, you are absolutely entitled to do so. If this is what you decide, please speak with your child's class teacher or notify the school in writing as soon as possible.

Please note that if participation in trips is significantly reduced, the school will have to reconsider the practicality of organising and supporting future school trips.

The school also acknowledges that children may feel unsettled by recent events. I would like to remind parents that the school has strategies in place for children to share their worries and the school has systems and specific staff in place to support children with any pastoral care they may require.

Yours sincerely,

Julie D'Abreu  
Headteacher

Steven Lock  
Chair of Governors

