



Dear Members,

As previously advised last week, we have been working with the Outdoor Advisors Panel (OEAP) and The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC) to help schools to claim from their travel insurance for all school trips which they are not able to take due to Government Advice.

The following statement has been drafted by the OEAP and signed off by the **Department for Education** and has been issued to all Outdoor Advisors today to pass onto schools.

**The Government has issued the following travel advice for educational settings advising against all overseas trips for children under 18 from the 17th March for 30 days and all domestic trips (residential and non-residential).**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-advice-for-educational-settings>

This statement references advice by the Foreign Commonwealth Office.

**For domestic visits and visits abroad, which have had to be cancelled as a result of government advice, contact your insurer.**

For those schools who have committed to educational visits which can now not go ahead, the government's advice issued is sufficient and will allow schools to make an insurance claim against their policy. This includes more complex overseas expeditions, where the duration of school closure and the subsequent lack of organisational and preparation time with the students may mean that a future expedition has become unviable for a school to undertake safely even after the school re-opens.

We will continue to work closely with colleagues across the sector to maintain a united and consistent response to the ever-changing environment.

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