

In the event of a trip being oversubscribed, as outlined in the original trip letter, we draw names from a hat as per our school trip policy. We're sure you can understand that in this situation this is the fairest way. Where we can, we will look at students who have not had an opportunity to attend a trip before and prioritise them before drawing names from a hat.

We do not appoint places on a first come first serve basis as we strongly feel that this disadvantages those where families do not have such a disposable income and may need to wait for a payday to occur before signing their student up for a trip, particularly in the current climate.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. One such restriction can be put in place by the venue we are visiting such as group sizes as per their own risk assessments, the size of the venue and the availability they have. It is not always possible to book a venue for multiple days due to demand.

Furthermore we have to consider travel arrangements and how to do this safely and in the most cost effective way as we can for our parents as well as the impact staff accompanying the trip has on the education we provide for our students who are in school. Staff being taken out of lessons to run/accompany a trip has a wider implication for us to manage in school and we work extremely hard to get the balance right.

As a Senior Leadership Team we feel a responsibility to ensure a healthy work life balance for our staff as well as our students. Staff running school trips do so voluntarily and we are mindful that many of the trips we run begin and end outside of the school day. We are both proud and grateful to them for voluntarily doing this to support our students.