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## **Brief Holiday Travel Guidance for Education Settings**

Dear Head Teachers, Parents and Carers,

With holiday season upon us, we wanted to provide a brief summary of some travel related information that will be important in all education settings.

The government has provided detailed instructions and regular updates related to travel guidance for staff, parents and carers to adhere to for traveling outside of the UK. The onus is on us all to ensure that we are following government guidance in the interest of safety for everyone at school. We encourage parents to inform education settings of travel, though this is not a requirement.

The government has provided Red, Amber and Green Lists of Countries. These lists are regularly updated and can be checked using the below link for current information.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>

**Red List Countries** – Pupils/Staff should not travel to red list countries. Pupils/Staff returning from red list destinations will be quarantined in a managed hotel for the duration of their isolation period.

**Amber List Countries** – Pupils/Staff should not travel to amber list countries. Pupils/Staff returning from amber list destinations will be required to isolate at home for 10 days, unless they opt to do a day 5 test to release. In the case of a test to release, though not advised, pupils/staff will be allowed to attend school after receiving a negative test result but will still be required to take a PCR test on or after day 8. Please note that some countries on this list are for essential travel only.

**Green List Countries** – Pupils/Staff returning from green list countries will be required to take a PCR test on or before day 2 after they arrive into the UK. They do not need to quarantine unless the test result is positive.

Pupils ages four and under do not need to take a PCR test on arrival into the UK and will not be required to take day 2 and day 8 tests.

### **A link to step by step guidance:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

### **School Attendance**

The DfE advise that parents should plan their holidays within school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school during term time. Families should also consider that their child may need to self-isolate following trips overseas that require a period of quarantine.

**This guidance is subject to change in line with government guidance.  
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